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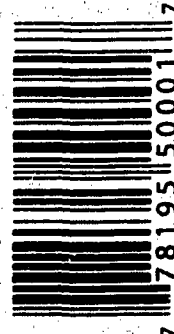
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Cullen re-elected for second term

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

EVEN CONSERVATIVE candidate Mike Scott was surprised by the margin incumbent MP Nathan Cullen won in the Jan. 23 federal election.

Unofficial results showed Cullen walking away with nearly 50 per cent of the vote – upping his support by more than 20 per cent compared to 2004 when he earned 37.2 per cent of the vote.

According to unofficial results, Cullen received 18,596 votes or 48.5 per cent of the votes cast in the riding.

The Conservative camp logged 12,630 votes, or 32.9 per cent of the vote.

The Liberal party saw its share of the vote go down by more than a third, logging just 4,845 votes in this election to its 7,924 votes in 2004.

And Green party candidate Phil Brienese was not successful in his goal to double the number of votes his party earned over the 2004 results.

With just 1,066 votes this time around, or 2.8 per cent, the Green party vote didn't even meet the 1,236

logged in 2004.

The Christian Heritage Party's Rod Taylor got 1,243 votes per cent or 3.2 per cent of the vote.

It became clear early on in the evening that Conservative candidate Mike Scott wouldn't be able to overcome the lead Cullen had on him.

At 8:45 p.m. Scott called Cullen on his cell phone and conceded the race.

"I just said, 'obviously the numbers aren't going our way and we're not going to be winning,'" Scott said after placing the call. "I just conceded defeat to him and wished him well."

Scott and wife Michele were cemented to a computer as the poll results came in.

He was surprised by the results, particularly in the urban areas of the riding including Smithers, Prince Rupert and Terrace where he had hoped to garner more votes.

"We thought it was going to be a horse race," Scott said. "I told some people I thought it would come down to a few hundred votes."

Cullen did particularly well in outlying First Nations villages.

According to unofficial numbers Kitsumkalum saw Cullen log 149 votes to Scott's 38 and in Kitse-las the NDP earned 102 votes to the Conservatives' 50.

"Obviously we're very disappointed but there can only be one winner," Scott said.

And he says he has a message for Cullen. "What I'm hoping Mr. Cullen is going to do is recognize the need for jobs in this region," Scott said.

Cullen says that's exactly what he has in mind. He says his priority will be to look at what type of investment opportunities there are for the area and "the type of jobs we're trying to create."

But his first priority is sorting out the dilemma with the Tsimshian, saying they have not been properly consulted in regards to the container port development in Prince Rupert.

"We have to get this container port problem fixed

and soon," Cullen says.

"We opened talks a couple of days ago and we'll continue those over the coming week or so, there's a bit of a time pressure here."

"So much of the region is counting on this thing it has so much potential. Having talked to the First Nations I know there is a lot of common ground and we need to strengthen that and get moving."

With Cullen's victory the longstanding tradition of this electorate voting in an opposition member as an MP continued.

The only time an MP here was part of the governing party was the 1974-1979 one-term election of Iona Campagnolo.

Cullen is thrilled with the decision. "I'm fantastic," he said on election night.

"I feel like we ran a good campaign but we also were able to run on our record," Cullen said.

"I feel like it was a serious endorsement of the kinds of things we (the NDP) wanted to get done and tried to get done."



ANIMAL CONTROL officers Ann Rouw and Tammy McLean suit up in firefighter's gear before using the incinerator at Terrace's pet crematorium. Temperatures rise up to 1,800 degrees Celsius, which makes proper gear imperative.

SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

City hikes the rates to cremate animals

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

THE TERRACE Animal Shelter's crematorium has seen demand for its service double in the past year and officials have upped the cost to use the facility.

The crematorium has been operational for 21 months and last year 366 animals were cremated.

That compares to 179 animals in the first eight months of operations in 2004 – a 104 per cent increase.

But the crematorium has been losing money when it comes to cremating larger animals and has changed its rates to recoup the costs and bring them in line with other fees around the country, officials say.

City council passed a by-law Dec. 12 to change how the animal shelter charges

to cremate animals, moving from a standard rate for dogs and cats to a price determined by weight.

"Most pet crematorium fee schedules are in relation to the weight of the animal as this will dictate the duration of the cremation process and the amount of natural gas used," said Marvin Kwiatkowski, the director of development services for the City of Terrace.

The rate adjustments are expected to be most notable for larger, heavier animals.

But that will now allow the shelter to recoup the necessary costs related to the amount of gas used to operate the crematorium and associated staff time.

The shelter, as is the case of any other natural gas user, is facing a rate hike.

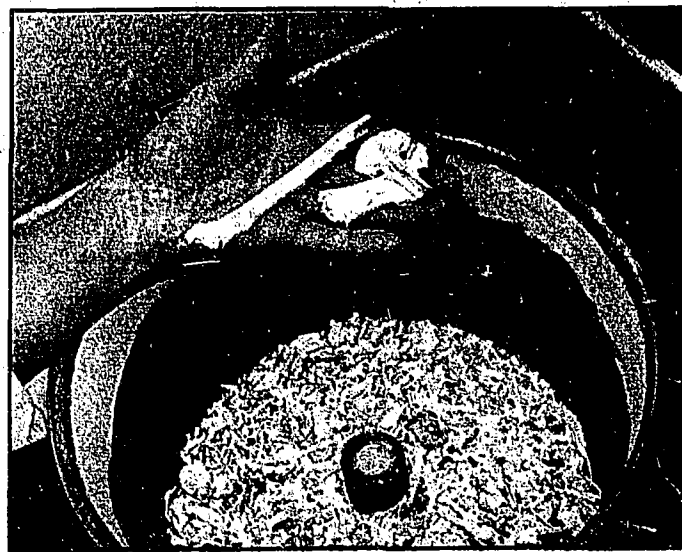
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was passed, the price for cremation ranged from \$20 to \$110 for a dog or \$15 to \$90 dollars for cats depending on whether ashes were returned or not and in what type of container they would be returned in.

Returning them in a fancy urn costs considerably more than returning the ashes in a simple scatter box or not returning them at all.

Currently, cremation costs range from the least expensive – \$25 for an animal zero to 20 pounds with no ashes returned – to the most expensive rate of \$230 for animals 101 pounds or more with ashes returned in an urn.

Though the rate hike will be substantial for larger animals, the new pricing schedule is still in line with other rates around the province.



ONCE CREMATED, what's left of an animal is placed in this grinder where it is turned into a powder. Owners can then take the ashes home if they wish.

"Although they are going up substantially," explains Kwiatkowski. "We've spoken to the vets and they say they are not out of line."

The majority of pets cremated at the shelter come through veterinary hospitals around the region, says animal control officer Tammy McLean.

But individual pet owners

also like the convenience of having the service available here.

She says all animals are treated with respect and "as if they are our own," throughout the process.

Remains are carefully marked for pick-up to ensure they are returned to the rightful owners if they want to take them home.

New CT scan device sought

IMPROVEMENTS TO health care in Terrace continued last week when the Northern Health Authority officially began looking for companies to supply a new CT scan machine for Mills Memorial Hospital.

Officials posted the tender specifications for the high-tech device, which provides physicians with detailed images of the insides of patients, on a provincial government Web site Jan. 20.

The device is scheduled to cost up to \$1.65 million with the Dr. R.E.M. Lee Hospital Foundation contributing \$650,000 and the health authority the rest.

"The time line is that vendors will have three weeks to look at our request for proposal and we'll then evaluate them and make site visits," says Ken Winnig, the health authority's head of diagnostic services.

"Our order will be placed before the end of March. That's important. We want to be up and running by the middle of August. The successful vendor will take between six to eight weeks for delivery and then there'll be staff training," he said.

This new machine will replace one that is 13 years old and counting and is considered to be out of date and too expensive to maintain.

The Dr. R.E.M. Lee Hospital Foundation began raising its portion in late 2004 when the health authority committed itself to its share of the money and laid out a purchase and installation timetable.

Local efforts were bolstered by two significant donations amounting to \$150,000 from Joe Hipp, in memory of his wife Olga, and from the estate of Eleanor Muehle.

The Dr. R.E.M. Lee Hospital Foundation spearheaded the drive back in the early 1990s to buy the CT machine, which now needs replacing.

Winnig said the supplier of the new device will have to take away and dispose of the old one.

"I'd think you'd have to hunt far and wide for a place for that. The technology has changed so much over time," he said of the possibility of there being a market for the old one.

As well, the health authority will have in place by the end of February at Mills Memorial a high tech image storing system.

Called a picture archiving and communications system (PACS), it's intended to make storing, retrieving and sending images a lot easier and cheaper because none of the work will involve developing film. Instead, it will be based on computer-driven digital images.

"Patients will benefit because physicians including radiologists and other specialists will have secure access to diagnostic images that will assist in determining an accurate diagnosis," said Winnig.

"This is going to be great for Terrace. What you are going to have is a leading edge, state-of-the-art imaging storing system of the latest technology which will be a nice tie-in to the CT scanner," he added.

Lee foundation chair Kevin Kennedy welcomed the news, saying it will place Terrace at the forefront of medical care.

"This will solidify Terrace as a place for specialization. Doctors won't have to refer people outside of Terrace except for care. There will be growth in health care for Terrace," he said.

The foundation is at the two-thirds mark of its \$650,000 commitment. But Kennedy said the pending installation of the CT device should not be taken as a reason for donations to slow down.

"We made a guarantee and a commitment we would raise the \$650,000 and that's what we have to do," he said.

The foundation is asking the city for a \$75,000 donation that would match what it provided in the early 1990s when the first CT machine was purchased. The switch to digital imaging and storage has already taken place in Kitimat, in Prince Rupert and at other places throughout the North.

The health authority's money for the new CT scan device and for the new digital image storing system come from a combination of federal and provincial accounts specifically aimed at improving health technology.

Transition house nearly ready to welcome its first residents

VARIOUS SOCIAL services, counselling agencies and others toured the brand-new Ksan House Society's new transition house yesterday in preparation for a full occupancy by residents next month.

"We want our partners and other service providers to see where they might be making referrals to," says Ksan House Society executive director Carol Sabo last week.

The complex, located close to downtown, contains both the society's administrative and residential services in one location, replacing buildings at separate locations.

The society's administrative wing was occupied late last year while work continued to finish the eight-bedroom residential portion.

Sabo expects the final construction cost to come under the \$1.3 million by as much as \$100,000.

"And that's good news because it will reduce our mortgage," she said.

The society raised \$800,000 through various federal, provincial and other sources leading up to the start of construction.

While professional agencies toured the facility yesterday, there's another open house Feb. 2 by invitation only.

Representatives from government agencies such as the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation and B.C.

Housing and officials from the Real Estate Foundation of B.C., all of whom contributed construction monies, have been invited.

The local list includes members from the Terrace and Skeena Valley Rotary clubs, the Northern Savings Credit Union and city council.

The society had hoped to furnish each of the bedrooms - two of which are family-sized - with new beds, linen and the like through donations but just one group, the local Lions club, has so far responded.

At the same time, Sabo said the society faces a monetary challenge because it will be paying more property tax than it has in the past.

"We had very old buildings before and their value wasn't as high so the taxes weren't as high. Since this is a new building, the value is more and the taxes are higher," she said.

Sabo added that a request to the city for tax relief was denied.

The Ksan House Society has been in operation for 25 years and counts a counselling service and an emergency shelter among its operations. Its former administrative building was sold to help pay for the new location and there is a proposal from another party to use the current soon-to-be vacated transition house as a youth shelter.

Jobless total climbs at end of 2005

UNEMPLOYMENT WENT up in the region as 2005 closed but the December rate of 7.7 per cent is still lower than the 8.7 per cent posted in December 2004.

Overall, the 45,400 people working either full time or part time from the Charlottes to just this side of Vanderhoof in December 2005 is 900 fewer than it was in December 2004.

December 2005's rate of 7.7 per cent is also higher than the November 2005 rate of 6.8 per cent.

This region was one of three in the province to have a higher unemployment rate in December 2005 compared to November 2005.

The provincial rate dropped from 4.7 per cent in November 2005 to 4.5 per cent in December 2005, while the federal rate at 6.1 per cent for that month was the same as it was the month before.

December 2005 was the third month in a row the unemployment rate began to rise after months of a steady decline.

The December 2005 rate was the highest of all the regions in the province. Three areas, the Thompson-Okanagan, Greater Vancouver and Greater Victoria shared the lowest rate - 4.1 per cent.

Federal employment analyst Patrick Blaine did note the number of full-time people working in December 2005 - 34,800 - was just 300 fewer than what it was in December 2004.

It means the largest loss of employment took place in the part-time labour force, he added.

"We've seen this before. We saw this in 2003," McIntyre said.

He said the December 2005 figures could be described as "disappointing" when compared to employment activity in other parts of the province.

Winch stolen

TELUS IS short one bumper winch after it was stolen Jan. 18 from one of its trucks parked in a company compound near the aquatic centre.

A person did observe the theft taking place and phoned police but the thieves were gone by the time officers arrived at the scene.

Also stolen, this time on Jan. 13, was a 2002 "High Marker" Skidoo from the yard of a residence in the 5000 Block of Agar.

And a resident of a house in the 4800 Block of Lazelle Ave. reported the theft of a DVD player, VCR, fax machine, answering machine and telephone after it was entered Jan. 19.

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THORNHILL VOLUNTEER Fire Department chief Wes Patterson has had first-ever fire safety inspections conducted at schools in Thornhill to ensure that everything is in order in case of an emergency. MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO

Schools undergo fire inspection

By MARGARET SPEIRS

THORNHILL SCHOOLS underwent fire safety inspections for the first time recently at the request of the Thornhill fire chief.

"I've asked for the Office of the Fire Commission to come in and do inspections on the public schools in Thornhill," said Wes Patterson.

To his knowledge, safety inspections have never been conducted in Thornhill schools because the fire department doesn't have a mandate from the regional district for that purpose, leading him to ask for the provincial fire commissioner's office to become involved.

"We're quite happy and glad the office of the fire commissioner is here to do this. It's not for us. It's really for those people in the schools," Patterson said. "I believe that the school board has the best interest for our children, but occasionally things are overlooked over a period of time," he said, adding the inspection will help educate teachers and principals on fire safety.

The fire safety officer ensured that fire separations, alarm systems and emergency lighting have

been maintained and that exits aren't blocked.

"I'm not for a minute suggesting that's (lack of maintenance) happening in our schools," Patterson said. "I think we're finding schools are generally willing to look at what some of these things are. We're quite happy that the school board and the principals are cooperating with us."

He said fire safety officer Ed Beaulieu from the Office of the Fire Commissioner in Prince George took about one day to inspect each of Thornhill Primary, Elementary and Junior Secondary schools.

Patterson said it took some effort to have the inspections done. Deputy fire chief Mike Moore asked Skeena NDP MLA Robin Austin to become involved, which Patterson believed Austin did by asking some questions.

"The Office of the Fire Commissioner is downsizing and is offloading or attempting to offload these responsibilities on local government," Patterson said, adding the fire department had to write a letter to the fire commissioner before the officer was allowed to come here.

If any problems are discovered in any school, it may take time to do repairs to ensure minimal disruption to classes, Patterson said.

Patterson wasn't sure how long it would take Beaulieu to write his report.

As an unincorporated area, Thornhill has neither a building inspector nor fire inspector, whereas the fire code requires a regular system of inspections on public buildings within municipalities such as Terrace.

As a result, the Terrace fire department is required by the municipality to regularly inspect the schools in the city.

Whether the regional district will require the Thornhill Fire Department to inspect schools, Patterson said "not at this time" but that some pilot projects are underway in other areas.

Kitimat-Stikine regional district staff confirmed Patterson's comments.

But regional district treasurer Verna Wickie did say that rural governments are looking into the possibility of requiring fire safety inspections of facilities such as schools.

News In Brief

Almost made it

THE NUMBER of passengers using the Northwestern Regional Airport in 2005 came close to matching 2004, which was the best year in nine years.

Statistics showed that 98,369 people used the airport in 2005, just 693 less than the 2004 figure of 99,062.

The two lowest years in the seven-year spread were 2002 when 89,252 people used the airport and in 2003 when 89,715 people either took off from or landed at the airport.

There were just 16 flights that didn't land in 2005 because of bad weather, down from 32 missed flights because of weather or other reasons in 2004.

The installation of a new instrument landing system in late 2002 has reduced the number of missed flights because of weather.

Fewer crashes wanted in the northwest

GROUPS interested in launching crash reduction programs in their communities can submit plans and receive money to implement their ideas from a new regional task force focusing on motor vehicle safety in northwestern B.C.

The RoadHealth coalition will make grants of up to \$5,000 available to local community organizations and groups.

"As a coalition, we want to make a big difference in cutting the number of and carnage from motor vehicle crashes in our region," said Dr. David Bowering, RoadHealth task force member and Northern Health chief medical health officer.

Community-identified needs should form the basis of proposed crash reduction and/or motor vehicle safety projects.

Criteria for the grants include a demonstrated potential to improve road safety, partnership development, budget plan and project evaluation checklist.

The application deadline is Feb. 15. Successful applicants will be notified by March 1.

For more information or to receive a grant package, please contact MaryAnne Arcand at 250-612-7086 or email arcand@bctrucksafe.org.

The RoadHealth coalition includes Northern Health, ICBC, WorkSafeBC, the BC Forest Safety Council, RCMP, Ministry of Transportation and the BC Coroner's Service.

Car strikes van

TWO LOCAL female drivers were taken to hospital when their vehicles collided at the intersection of Hwy 16 and Kenney St. Jan 17.

The woman behind the wheel of a Honda Civic heading west on Hwy 16 turned left in front of an eastbound Chevy van, according to Terrace RCMP.

Both vehicles suffered extensive damage to the front grilles. Police continue to investigate.

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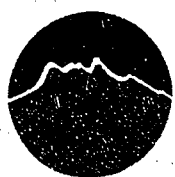
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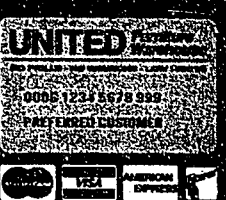
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Moving on

IT'S NO surprise we haven't heard much from the provincial Liberal government during the federal election.

For one, the annual Christmas break brought some downtime in Victoria. And there's an unwritten rule that provincial governments not do terribly much for fear of mixing up their issues with those being played out on the larger federal stage.

But with the federal vote now over it's time for the provincial government and its official opposition to get back to work.

Of prime importance to the northwest is Premier Gordon Campbell's New Relationship document drafted last spring with B.C. native groups.

It begins with this: "We are all here to stay. We agree to a new government-to-government relationship based on respect, recognition and accommodation of aboriginal title and rights."

That's broad and all-encompassing and speaks much about Mr. Campbell's central theme that it is far past time for native people to be involved in mainstream provincial life.

It's also an attempt by the premier to do away what has been the fallback of native groups and that is to ask the courts to define rights and title. This creates uncertainty in any number of areas and nobody wants that.

What's at stake here is the future economic prosperity of the province tied to its natural resources.

Native involvement in the development of the province will reduce native unemployment, improve living standards that are now an embarrassment and create wealth for all concerned.

There's already much being made of a skills shortage in the south. Up here we have the people, if only opportunity and training is provided to create our own set of skilled workers ready to take advantage of what will come.

All of this and more is crucial for the northwest which is on the verge of an economic upswing.

There's demand for minerals as seen by the number of mining projects now either in the provincial environmental approval process or those lined up to start.

Major players such as Enbridge want to construct a pipeline from Alberta through the northwest to an export terminal at Kitimat. That'll mean extensive native involvement from the B.C.-Alberta border right through to Kitimat.

The coastal Tsimshian have already staked out their future through the forest licence which once belonged to Skeena Cellulose.

What's now needed is a suitable framework in which all of this can take place. Mr. Campbell's "New Relationship" document is the start but the rest of the details must follow quickly if the northwest is to prosper.

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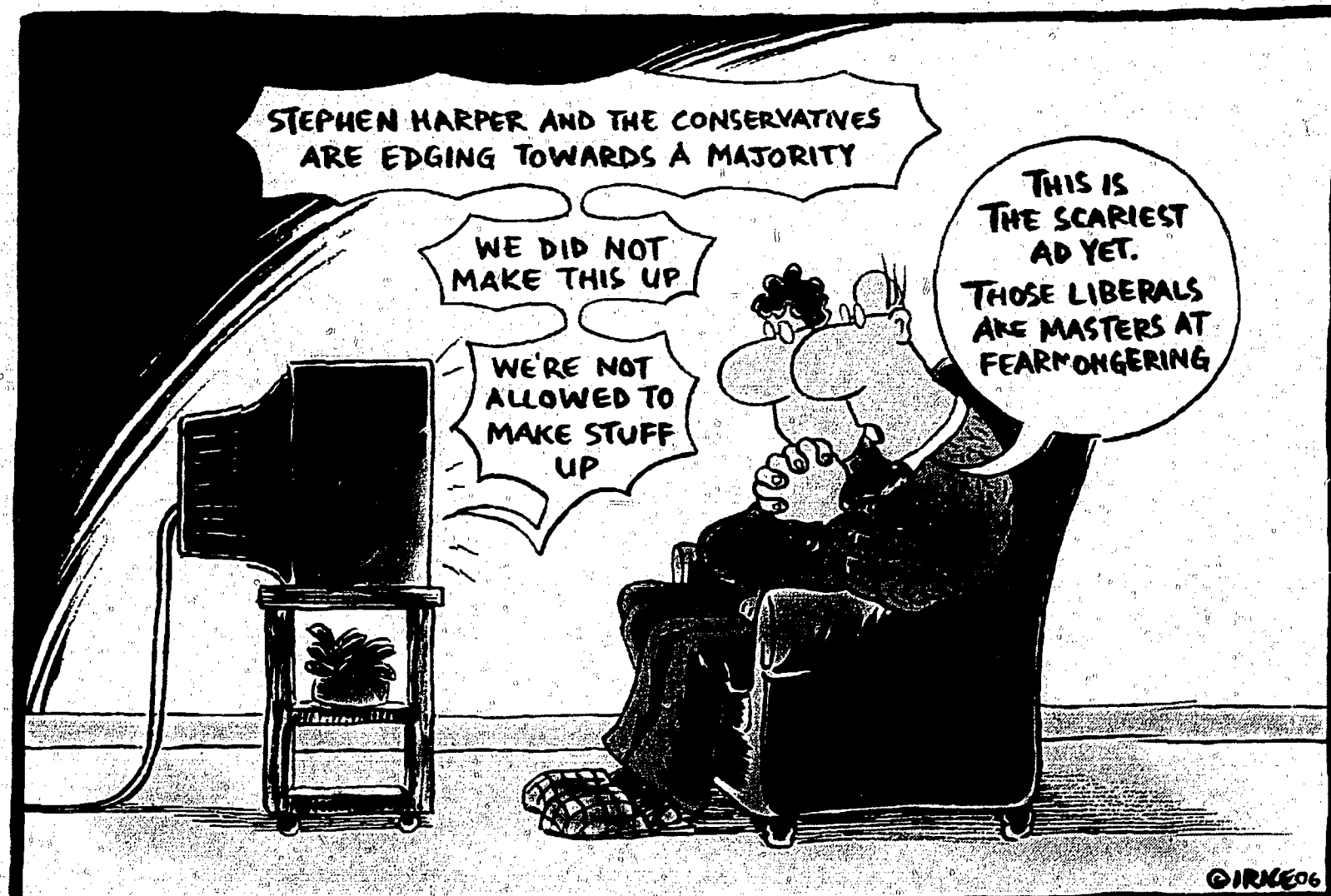
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Wind power key to energy future

THEY ARE spinning on the windswept hills of southern Alberta, and on a hill outside Whitehorse, in the Yukon.

They are spinning in downtown Toronto, and along the shores of the St Lawrence, in Quebec.

But there are no wind turbines spinning in British Columbia — yet.

The production of electricity from the wind is making rapid progress around the world. By the end of 2003, wind turbines had 39,000 MW of global capacity. By the end of 2004, it had risen to 47,000 MW.

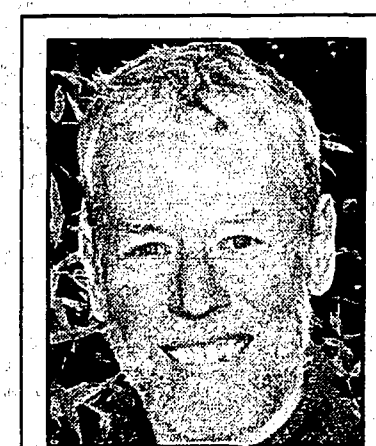
In Quebec, the government has just given approval for the construction of a further 2,000 MW.

In Calgary, the public light rail system is powered by twelve wind turbines located in the southern prairies, near Pincher Creek. The program is called "Ride the Wind," and moves the Calgary C Trains while producing no greenhouse gas emissions at all.

Wind generated electricity is also powering many Calgary households which purchase green electricity credits to show that their power has come from Alberta's turbines.

Overall, in Canada, wind turbines have 570 MW of capacity. The Canadian Wind Energy Association believes that Canada could have 10,000 megawatts of wind power capacity by 2010.

But don't wind turbines kill birds? Aren't they ugly, and noisy? And what happens



GUEST COMMENT
GUY DAUNCEY

when the wind is not blowing?

These are all important questions.

The first generation of turbines with latticed frames were certainly no friend of birds, especially if they were badly located.

But the new turbines have smooth tubular stems, with nowhere for a bird to rest, and on average, studies show that they kill no more than one or two birds per turbine per year. If we want to protect the birds, we should look after our cats.

To some people wind turbines are ugly, but many people like their sleek designs, and see them as an emblem of the future.

If you live very close, they will sometimes produce a background noise, but most of Canada's wind farms are in remote areas where few people live.

What happens when the wind is not blowing? The answer is simple: they stop turning. This why it will never be possible for a community to get all its energy from the wind.

Here in BC, however, we are blessed with a hydro system which can be used like a battery. When the wind is blowing, and the turbines are putting energy into the grid, the hydro engineers can hold back the water in the dams.

When the wind stops, the dams can do their part. This eliminates the problem, and allows them to contribute consistent power to the grid.

How much power could wind turbines in BC produce? A recent study that was done for BC Hydro suggested that we have potential for 5,000 MW, enough to power almost a million homes.

The best locations are in the Peace River country, on the northern end of Vancouver Island, and along BC's mid-coast off Haida Gwaii.

How much will it cost? The cost varies according to the wind, ranging from 6 to 12 cents a kilowatt hour. The owners of a 58.5 MW project that was recently scrapped at Holberg, on northern Vancouver Island, negotiated a low-price contract with BC Hydro before they knew how much wind there was, and had to back out when the numbers didn't work.

Power from natural gas, for comparison, costs 9 cents a

kilowatt hour, which is guaranteed to increase since North America has only enough gas left for ten more years, after which it must be shipped in liquefied natural gas from unstable countries like Russia, Algeria, and Iran.

Coal-fired power is still cheap, but coal is the dirtiest of all fuels, and 'clean coal' technologies which will not produce greenhouse gas emissions are still years off.

Wind energy, by contrast, is a gift from the sun (since it's the sun's heat that causes the wind to blow). It is renewable, clean, and goes on forever.

In Denmark, where the modern wind energy movement began, farmers, teachers, and other people have formed wind energy cooperatives, and own their own turbines.

Globally, a study from Stanford University has suggested that the world could harvest five times more power from the wind than we are currently using for all purposes — if we want to.

The B.C. Sustainable Energy Association believes that wind energy has a big future in B.C., as long as policies and rules are put in place to encourage it.

Let's hope we don't have to wait much longer.

Guy Dauncey is President of the B.C. Sustainable Energy Association (www.bcsea.org), and author of the book "Stormy Weather: 101 Solutions to Global Climate Change". He lives in Victoria.

There's nothing like retirement

IN THE three months since I retired after 32 years of operating an upholstery shop out of our home, I've often been asked, "how is retirement?"

Well, retirement feels more comfortable every week as I adjust to the freedom of private time.

Operating any business from your home — regardless of your hours clearly posted in the Yellow Pages — tends to intrude on family life.

People would phone for an estimate during the evening. Others asked to drop off or pick up work on Sundays or holidays when they would be in town.

With our fenced yard patrolled by two territorial dogs, I had to keep one ear on slowing traffic and check the gate for vehicles or customers every three minutes.

Always I had to be dressed ready to dash to the gate, winter or summer. Corn-on-the-cob was restricted to a Sunday menu.

For me, retirement has turned out to be a series of small relaxations. Relieved of gatekeeper duties, I can now go for a walk before 5:30 p.m., accompany my husband to town any time of day with-



THROUGH BIFOCALS
CLAUDETTE SANDECKI

out a doctor's appointment, even visit the public library mid-week to look for a book or two.

I've sampled a few daytime

"In the morning, if I'm late waking, no one notices, no one is inconvenienced, and my income isn't threatened."

TV programs I had only read about before, such as Ellen and The View.

But 30 minutes of four women chattering over each other was too much like the TV debates in the 2004 federal

election.

Because I no longer need to check the gate 20 times an hour, I can tidy a closet or a file drawer from start to finish instead of heaving everything back before I dashed to the door; read a chapter rather than a paragraph; and conduct long distance phone calls without arranging for my husband to keep an eye on the gate while I chat.

The greatest change happens at bedtime. When I do turn out the light, I don't lie awake pondering how to tackle an unusual or difficult job, or rehearsing the procedure to be followed to accomplish a rare task.

In the morning, if I'm late waking, no one notices, no one

participation in the upcoming Northwest Music Festival.

Writing has taken the place of upholstery. I can now sit down to write as soon as the breakfast dishes are washed and proceed with a clear conscience as long as I please.

Dialing long distance interviews during normal hours instead of late in the evening or at dawn feels so civilized.

As for a downside, two drawbacks come to mind: Junk mail has dwindled to a trickle. Through the years junk mail has supplied me with envelopes as scratch pads and blank paper for drafting articles.

The second drawback is the prominence of housekeeping now that I'm judged to have nothing to do. What excuse can I offer? I have no job deadline to meet.

When spring arrives, I'll be able to rake leaves, trim branches, tidy up the grass any hour.

At cherry picking time, I can climb the ladder and not hastily descend because a truck towing a boat just parked across our driveway.

The single grain of sand in my career as a home-based entrepreneur was the constant demand on my vigilance.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

The Mail Bag

Stay in Yellowknife

Dear Sir:

I didn't know if I should be amused or insulted after reading the recent letter from Michelle Green regarding the four-day week.

She says she will not honour Terrace with her and her family's presence because of the four-day school week. She refuses to move here because she will not have her children in professional daycare (school) five days a week. She readily admits that her son requires "constant" adult supervision, and it sounds like her daughter needs the same.

The trustees of the school board have a lot on their plate as it is, and yet this woman wants to add to their financial burden by supplying one on one caregivers for her children. I say to Ms. Green - stay in Yellowknife until such time as you are ready to take some responsibility for raising your own children. Don't expect the taxpayers in Coast Mountains School District to act as babysitters for you for five days a week while you work.

In regard to the four-day school week, I don't agree with it, and I am sure the trustees of the school board have misgivings as well. They are charged with the responsibility of doing the best job they can with the resources they have. We recently had elections for trustees, and if my memory serves me well, not a single incumbent trustee was defeated, so the voters in Coast Mountains School District must still have faith in their trustees.

James B. Ippel, Terrace, B.C.

No more closures

Dear Sir:

At the January meeting of the Coast Mountains School District, the board was treated to a presentation from the Terrace Economic Development Authority (TEDA). Their brief to the district was to the effect that they have perceived a perception amongst development types down south that our four-day school week is problematic for some of their southern confreres. They were asking the board to publicly commit to pursuing a return to a five day calendar as their principal priority.

One trustee had the wit to ask "where's the cheque?" And that's basically what it amounts to: the four-day week (as well as multiple school closures) was a direct result of deliberate underfunding of rural B.C.'s education efforts by the gang in Victoria. Give us adequate resources and we'll revert to the five-day week pronto, but if the options are five-day week vs. more closures - no way, TEDA!

There is a wide spread perception in B.C. that the business and development communities enjoy privileged access to and benefits from the Campbell regime.

Perhaps our fine corporate citizens could use that influence to lobby the Liberals into giving us a workable funding formula that meets all the needs of our educational efforts.

John How, Lakelse Lake, B.C.

It's about adding value

Dear Sir:

What Gord Lechner and Helmut Giesbrecht miss in my recent column on forestry is that the challenge is not about log exports but rather how to build an industry that is value not volume based. The issue is how to make sure the right logs are going to the right mills, making the right products for the marketplace.

It is not about supporting large corporations, but rather how do you encourage and support the development of new and smaller community-based value-added forest businesses. How do we ensure the incentives are in place that encourages the expansion of the value-added forest sector? How do we put in place the incentives that allow those new entrants into the business to access the kind of log they need to meet their customer and product demands.

The legislation that they want put in place is exactly what has been there for the last 50 years in B.C. Our industry has not developed much past the primary breakdown stage.

Most of us buy furniture from countries like Sweden and Norway. We have to ask ourselves why, with our wealth in the forests, has our industry not evolved in the same manner.

If you want to see growth in our communities and expansion of opportunities then repeating the past doesn't cut it. Gord, the provincial election is over. I'm past it. Maybe it's time you moved on, too.

If we continue to let politics stifle discussion, how will we every find real solutions for real problems?

Roger Harris, Terrace, B.C.

Where do they get off?

Dear Sir:

Regarding PNG's approval to increase natural gas rates by 20 per cent in the new year, I have to comment.

In a free market, supply and demand are supposed to dictate price. While PNG is left with a supply surplus due to Methanex cancelling their contract with PNG, the cost of gas to consumers should be going down, not up. Where does PNG get off using a "revenue requirement" as an excuse to gouge customers yet again? You can read PNG's application for a rate increase online by going to:

http://www.png.ca/pdf/PNGWest2006Rev-ReqAppNov_30_05.pdf

Interestingly enough, even though PNG is losing their biggest customer, they're projecting their cost of labour, company benefits, maintenance, to actually increase in 2006 over 2005. You would expect the cost of labour, etc. to go down with less demand.

Unless my poor brain is wrong, it seems to me that utility companies will use any excuse they can to raise prices. Low supply? Charge customers more. Lose your biggest customer? Charge customers more.

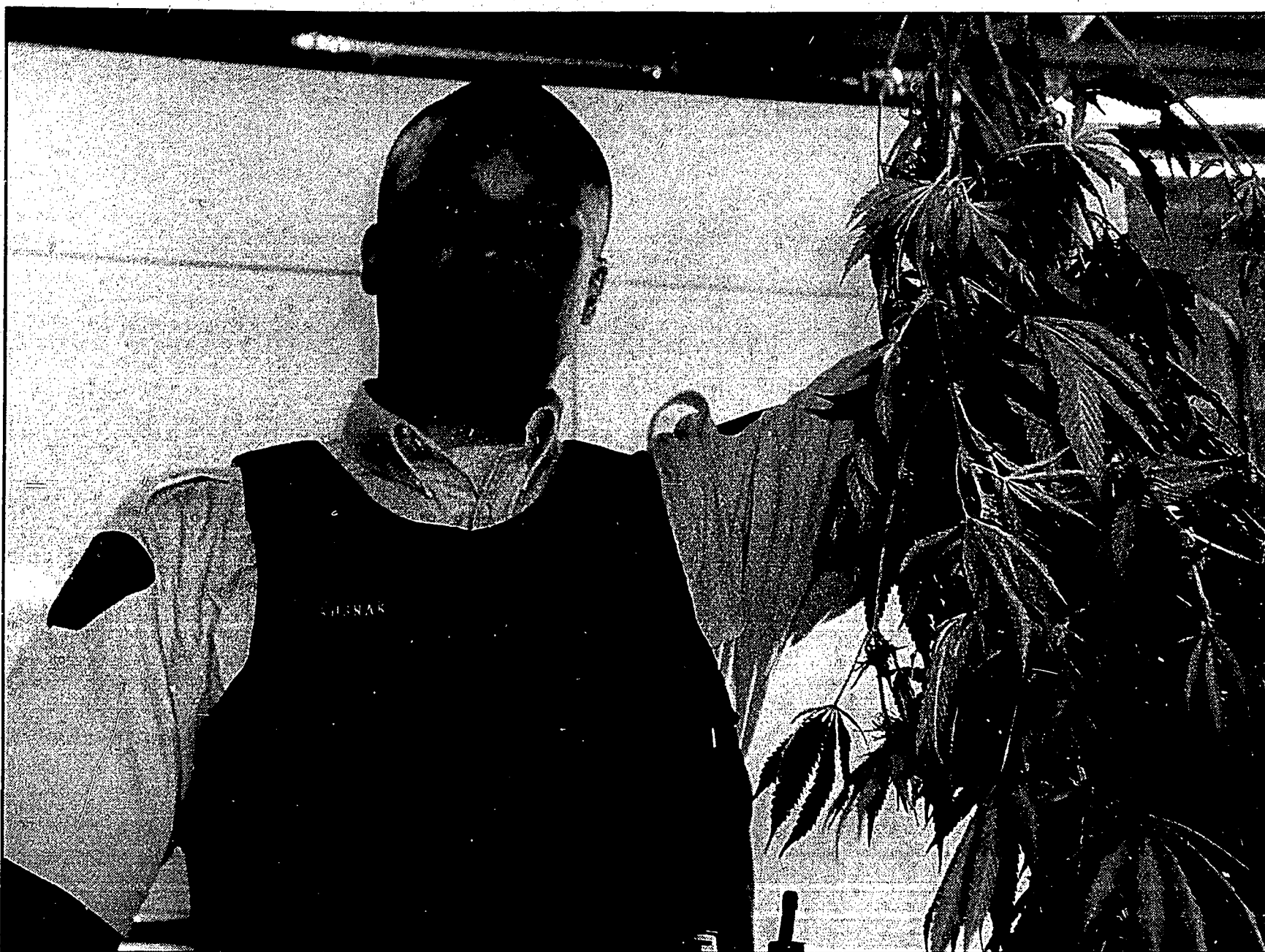
It amazes me how in our present political climate, people on social assistance are looked down on as second class citizens, yet we are willing to accept corporate welfare as a necessary evil, especially when the corporation is the only game in town.

Perhaps this is why you see more and more chimneys spewing wood smoke every year in the Terrace area.

Kristy Simpson, Terrace, B.C.

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CONST. CHRIS Rusnak holds one of 100 marijuana plants seized from a grow-op in a Thornhill residence basement in May 2004. Police want parents to be aware that northwest youth are using illegal drugs at younger and younger ages. FILE PHOTO

Drug use rising among young and that has police worried

By MARGARET SPEIRS

NORTHWEST YOUTH are using drugs at younger and younger ages.

Crystal meth and ecstasy are two drugs being used at the Grade 8 level, but children as young as seven and eight have used crystal meth, said Const. Craig Douglass, assist drug awareness coordinator of the North District Drug Awareness Service in Prince George.

He said he wouldn't be surprised if this was also true in Terrace.

During a recent talk in Prince Rupert, Douglass told a group of concerned parents that drug educators usually go into the schools at the Grade 10 level, and end up being told things by the students. To help reach students earlier, the Ministry of Education wrote up new curriculums last summer, which will be mandatory in the next school year, for Grades 7,8,9 with a component requiring a certain number of hours be taught about drugs and healthy situations.

This will allow drug educators to reach students before drugs become an issue for them,

Douglass said.

The most disturbing image he presented to Prince Rupert parents was a photo of a meth addict, face blacked out, with two gaping holes down to the bone in both arms.

The addict picked through the flesh while 'tweaking', a stage after the rush of the drug and before the crash when people become singularly preoccupied with a task.

"Everybody's psychosis is going to be a little different," he said, adding this isn't a typical act, but is quite common.

While tweaking, people will keep repeating that same act until the drug wears off, which he believes can take from eight to 16 hours, although he said toxicologists say one dose can last 20 to 24 hours.

While Douglass can't say specifically whether any northwest teens have died from drugs, like a 13-year-old girl in Victoria who died from an Ecstasy pill she took on the first day of this school year, he believes the same situation does happen in the northwest.

The younger that children use drugs, the more

chances they have of dying in their youth, the constable added.

Parents need to let their children know that drug use isn't acceptable. The more parents keep their children away from drugs, the less likely they are to follow their peers into drug use, said Douglass.

"Be a parent. Set rules and enforce the rules. It doesn't matter how good your kid is, crystal meth is open and available to them," he said.

"Your child could be the best student in school [but] if their friends want to use drugs and alcohol, they're likely to. Their friends are the number one influence at that age group."

However, if a child does take drugs it's important for parents to help them kick the habit.

"A lot of families, once their kids start using drugs, abandon them.

"That's one of the worst things they can do because it pushes them (their kids) toward drugs and they need their family's and friends' support for them to beat it," said Douglass.

Southern organized crime gangs have yet to set up shop in northwest

DESPITE A recent report from police alluding to the presence of 120 gangs in the province, locals don't have to start worrying that gang members may be next door.

Terrace doesn't have gangs here in town, said Corporal Tom Seaman, an RCMP E Division media relations officer stationed on the Lower Mainland.

"There are no actual identified organized criminal gangs operating out of Terrace to my knowledge, however Terrace, like most communities, is affected by organized crime," he said.

Drug dealers in town may identify themselves as a gang or something similar, he said, but no specific gang calls Terrace home and operates provincially, he said.

"However we know that drugs are in Terrace like every other community and organized crime and organized criminal gangs are responsible for that," he said.

Drug dealers are "organized" only in the sense that a group of people comes together and decides to grow and sell illegal drugs in Terrace, he said.

Organized crime has distributors, growers and importers, which is how drugs get into a community, he said.

Seaman said organized crime is involved in all kinds of illegal activities like money laundering.

There are several ways of doing this including using legitimate businesses or fronts.

"A lot of cash is made on illegal drugs to hide it and clean it," he said.

Drug gangs have taken some hits on the Lower Mainland, he said, such as the raids on the Hells Angels last July as the result of a two-year investigation.

"When we take someone down, more follow suit because there is so much money to be made in illegal drugs," Seaman said.

The gang police report concentrates on organizations such as the Hells Angels and its affiliates, warning that their presence is being felt in more and more areas.

It also identifies gangs based along ethnic lines, including people of Vietnamese and East Indian origin.

Chaos and conflict is forecast as natural resources decline

IT TAKES two quarts of oil to produce two pounds of breakfast cereal and that's far too much, says an author and consultant who warns that the world can't continue using natural resources at the current rate.

Vancouver-resident Roy Woodbridge, who spoke here recently, says the ever-increasing world economic demand for rapidly depleting natural resources will lead to widespread chaos and conflict.

"While we're being caught up in competing with each other, we're creating the basis for a catastrophe of immense proportions," he said.

"In our quest to do something about global poverty, we're increasing the consumption of our natural capital to the point that by 2025, we're going to need the equivalent of two or three Earths to continue. And we can't do that," Woodbridge continued.

What's required immediately is a massive shift to far smarter and technologically-advanced uses of natural resources and procedures in how they can be used, he added.

A change to drip irrigation, whereby crops are fed just the amount of moisture and nutrients they need instead of massive sprinkler systems would

reduce the demand on water, the world's most precious resource.

"Our present pattern of water use is unsustainable. Up to one-third of our present water withdrawals are unsustainable," said Woodbridge.

"It's not only water. Look at oil. We're now at peak oil production. It can only last another 10 or 200 years so we're there already. How will a community such as Terrace cope with the decline in fossil fuels? Are we even thinking about it?" he asked.

Woodbridge's catastrophic forecast pits the developed world against the undeveloped one.

"There are three billion people in the underclass and they are going to want the resources," he said.

"We've got to make a decision to change to which kind of war we want to fight. I call it the provisioning challenge and it's going to require an



Roy Woodbridge

all out effort," said Woodbridge.

"What we have to do is figure out how to give our societies the capacity not just to survive, but to thrive."

"The debate up until now has pitted growth against the environment. It's a necessary debate but it divorces the debate we need to undertake on how human greed affects us as individuals," said Woodbridge.

Unlike other thinkers on the global issues of poverty and resource use, Woodbridge believes the free market system of world trade and economic development can provide solutions if directed and encouraged properly.

That stems from past involvements on economic development projects in Africa, a past position as the director of the Mining Association of Canada and his current occupation as a consultant specializing business development in the environmental field.

"I'm a free market kind of guy, but with a real concern about where the free markets are taking us. You could call me a conflicted free market guy," said Woodbridge.

We need multiplex vote

An open letter to:
Mayor and Council of Terrace

I respect the fact everyone has worked so hard for multiplex project, but I think we have our priorities wrong.

Some councilors based their re-election campaign on the need to have recreation to bring people to town. Recreation doesn't put bread and butter on the table for their families. Rich, McDaniel said our last three years are behind us. The economy has turned around. Things are happening. Where? People are still moving out of town. School enrollments are still dropping, and businesses closing. The town needs higher paid jobs other than box store at a minimum wage.

We need to rebuild our town with good jobs, five-day school weeks and good equipment for our hospitals, getting our paving up to date and cleaning up our dingy back alleys. We should not have to raise pennies here and there to replace our out dated hospital equipment. Health comes before recreation.

If these committees work hard, this will bring people wanting to move to Terrace. Not multiplexes and burdening us with heavy taxes which will happen, stopping people coming to our city.

We have one sawmill running one shift. The Terrace Lumber Company was on a three-day Shift until recently

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and is having a struggle.

We should rearrange our priorities giving people a reason to come to our city.

Enhancing recreation alone will do nothing without the other first.

I am for multiplexes if only we can afford it. I am calling for a referendum, hoping the town feels the same.

The only reason our business people are staying afloat now is out of the area people which are not tax payers, only shoppers to the city.

If it weren't for these people, we would have a very serious situation.

The cost of the multiplex is quite a lot at this time but even more important is very high cost of operation after completion and upkeep.

George Chinn,
Terrace, B.C.

Gas guys to lose a customer

Dear Sir:

PNG has applied to the B.C. Utilities Commission and has been granted an interim rate increase to offset the taxes that they now have to pay on the millions of dollars they got with the closure of Methanex, PNG's largest client.

Am I reading the information correctly? Because their largest client has closed its doors, I and all the other natural gas users in this area now have to look forward to another area business closing, more layoffs, quite likely more families moving away from the area, more houses up for sale, less being spent in the remaining businesses, and higher prices for heating, cooking, hot water, etc. to pick up their shortfall.

If your newspaper lost your largest client, would you be able to apply for a rate increase to offset the lack of revenue coming in? I don't think so.

Would any business in town, (except PNG), having lost their largest customer, increase their rates to their remaining customers? I don't think so.

Would you use the services of a company that raised its rates because they had lost their largest customer? I don't think so. But what can we do. Our homes are heated by natu-

ral gas, our cooking stoves are gas, and our water heaters are gas fired.

Well, I or one am using as little gas as possible, using propane to cook with, and electric heaters to heat my home.

The water heater is going to be replaced by a direct hot water system, and PNG will find that they have lost at least one more client.

Gillian Fairbairn, Terrace, B.C.

50+ Of Your Life!

Another year, how often have we heard and said that in the past few weeks. At the Happy Gang we had a succession of parties, concerts, dinners and lunches, all wonderful. The seniors of Terrace are very lucky to be able to keep so busy. New this year was a New Years Party at the Happy Gang, the Committee did a really good job of arranging games and activities and had enough food to feed many more. We made a lot of noise seeing the New Year in and quickly ran home

to bed.

On the second Thursday afternoon, the first regular meeting of the year, the New Executive did very well - thanks must be given to the retiring officers and directors for their many hours of work during the past years.

The Robbie Burns Dinner will be held this Wednesday, amazing how many kilts and plaids appear and how we feast on the Haggis (ugh) etc.

Best wishes for 2006.

Senior Of The Month!

This month we have chosen Jean Thompson as our senior.

For the past few years Jean has been organizing and escorting tours to Japan and China and has even managed to learn some of the language of that area.

In the past year, Jean has lost her husband, sold the family home and moved into Twin River Estates.

Her interests in the community are wide spread and include the Happy Gang and The Senior Advisory. A prolific reader, she has done several book reviews for the Senior Advisory News Letter.

Conversation with Jean is always interesting and informative.

Best wishes for the New Year to everyone.



Jean Thompson

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Semi jackknives off of road

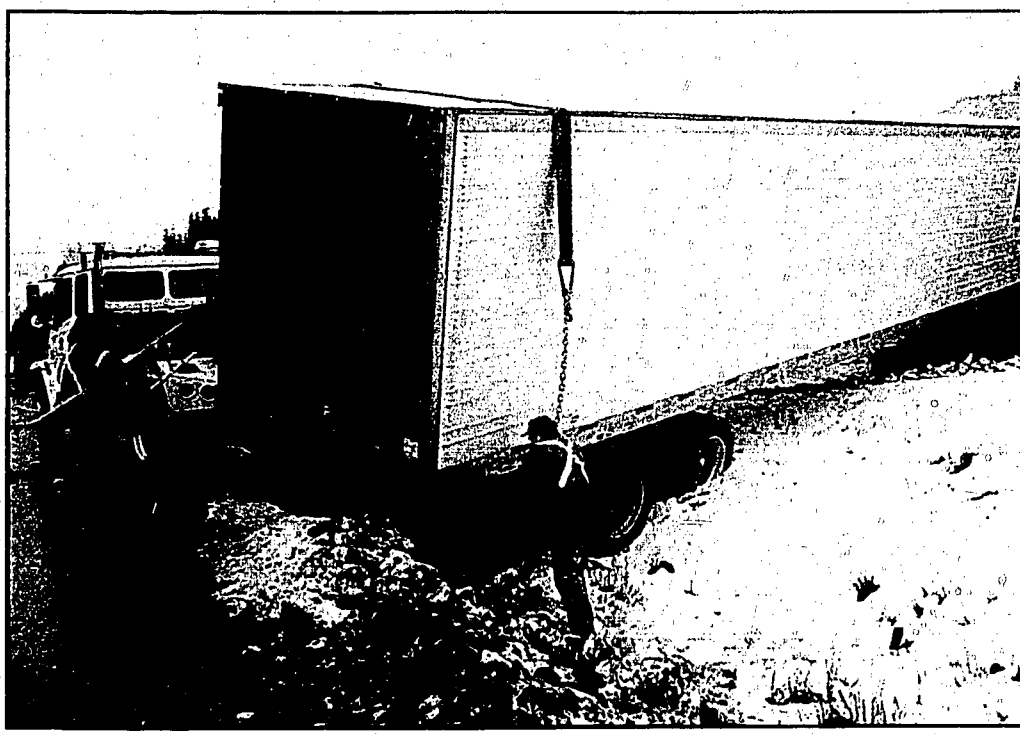
A MALE DRIVER jackknifed his tractor-trailer unit after missing the turnoff to the scale on Hwy 37 South and tipping into the ditch on the north side of Substation Road by the Volkswagen dealership around noon Jan. 19.

The driver, who was from Quesnel, said he came from Prince Rupert to deliver groceries at Save on Foods.

He said the person behind the wheel of a Toyota cut him off as he attempted to turn right off the highway so he could find somewhere to turn around and go to the scale.

He believed the accident would cost him about \$1,000 plus any damages.

Const. Chris Romanchych of the local highway patrol said the semi driver was charged with failing to keep right and for logbook violations, including not keeping the logbook up to date and failing to conduct



TWO TOW trucks were needed Jan. 19 to put a semi trailer and tractor unit back on the road after it jackknifed by the Volkswagen dealership. MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO

twice-daily safety inspections on the vehicle.

A Riverside tow truck operator who attended the

scene said two tow trucks — one at the front and one beside the left rear tire — were

needed to pull the semi-

trailer back onto Substation Road.

The semi driver was not injured.

Police satisfied with driver conduct over the holidays

DRINKING AND DRIVING took a back seat over the holiday season as area motorists kept their concentration on the roads and stayed alive.

The local highway patrol's Winter Counter Attack campaign caught five impaired drivers, issued 15 24-hour driving suspensions for alcohol impairment, one 24-hour suspension for illegal drug impairment, and handed out 256 violation tickets.

The ticket count includ-

ed 84 for speeding, and the remainder for running red lights and disobeying stop signs, from Dec. 2, 2005 to Jan. 2, 2006.

Const. Chris Romanchych of Terrace RCMP said police made three drug seizures for what they believed to be marijuana.

The also gave out three tickets to motorists carrying open liquor in their vehicles, and wrote 55 tickets for seat-belt infractions.

"That's actually pretty good for the month," he

said, adding a number of orders for vehicle repairs were issued.

"I think the biggest thing with the whole campaign was no fatalities on roadways," he said, adding the roads patrolled included from the Queen Charlotte Islands to Kitimat and north to Atlin.

During the same time in 2004, police nailed four impaired drivers and handed out a total of 152 violation tickets.

He said whether that cam-

paign was better "depends on your perspective."

"I don't think it's necessarily worse," he said.

"We targeted the hours when violations were present."

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Alcan, Kitimat talk about power sales

LAST WEEK'S meeting between Alcan and Kitimat city representatives will not be the last say both sides as they wrestle with the future of the company's aluminum smelting operations.

The two parties have been at odds over Alcan's planned use of the power it generates at its Kemano hydro-electric facility.

The January 18 meeting - held in the Northwest Community College portable - was the first time Marco Palmieri, president of Alcan Primary Metal Asia Pacific, had met formally with the city.

Also attending the talks for Alcan was Kitimat Works manager Paul Henning and vice-president of corporate affairs and communications Erik Ryan.

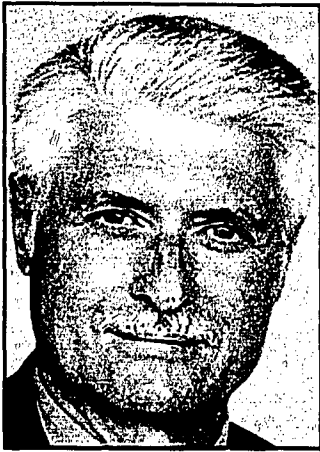
Representing the city were mayor Rick Wozney, all council except for Mario Feldhoff - he did not attend due to a conflict of interest as an Alcan employee - and municipal manager Trafford Hall.

Palmieri said Alcan had brought up plant modernization for discussion.

"We need to modernize the Kitimat smelter," he explained. "We want to have state-of-the-art technology and we want to have a smelter that would last 35, 40 years more."

Palmieri said it would take four to six years to complete the project which would create 3,000 temporary construction jobs.

However, there was no



Rick Wozney

start date yet.

Noting a modernized smelter would see a reduction in employees from the current 1,500 to 1,000, Palmieri said Alcan would work with the city to find ways to economically diversify Kitimat in order to replace those lost jobs.

When asked what these jobs might be, he admitted he was unsure.

But, he stressed that in order for modernization to occur in the first place, it will need the support of all levels of government.

Wozney replied that plant modernization cannot begin until the issue of power sales is dealt with.

"I'm not sure what the definition of modernization is," he explained. "There's the issue of what size the smelter is going to be."

If all power was dedicated to aluminum production, the upgraded smelter would take on a much different look than if power sales continued, he pointed out.

This meeting was the first time the two sides met to discuss power sales, Wozney said, adding both sides clearly had different interpretations of a 1997 agreement which sketched out how power was to be used.

For his part, Palmieri insisted, "Alcan has the right to sell power and we plan to continue to do that."

Wozney said council also gave Palmieri a presentation on the history of Kitimat from the community perspective, Wozney said.

"We understand better where they are coming from," Palmieri acknowledged after the meeting.

Both sides admitted that, although the tone of this session was cordial, it was also only the first step.

"We did not try to find solutions: that was not the point of this meeting," Palmieri said. A date for a second meeting is already being worked out.

"I was encouraged by the fact two Alcan reps came out here to Kitimat," Wozney said. He added the city offered to meet in Vancouver for the second round of talks, but Palmieri insisted that too be held here.

Meanwhile, Wozney said that unless the city and Alcan can reach a mutual agreement on the power sales issue, the city will continue to seek a resolution of the power sales issue through the courts.

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Police seize pot from skiers

RCMP MADE several pot seizures at the turn off to Shames Mountain on its Jan. 13 opening day.

Charges were not laid against two people from Prince Rupert and three from Terrace but their names were taken, says Const. Gary Swanson of the local highway patrol which had set up a seat-belt check point.

The following day, the same officers made an-

other marijuana seizure and caught an impaired driver at 8:55 a.m.

"A warning to those who go out on a big binge the night before: you need time alone to get rid of alcohol in your system," Swanson said.

The man charged with impaired driving said he finished drinking at 2:30 a.m. but nearly six hours later was still impaired, Swanson

said.

"Six hours did not take the alcohol out of his system," Swanson said, adding that a person burns off an average of 15 mg of alcohol an hour. To burn off the legal limit of intoxication, 80 mg, would take over five hours.

Drivers need to be aware of this and stay off the road until the alcohol has left their systems, even if they feel okay to drive.

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MLA fires up opposition to PNG rate hike proposal

SKEENA MLA Robin Austin says PNG's proposed double-digit rate hike is unfair to northwesterners and he's pinning it on the closure of Methanex.

When Methanex announced last year it was closing its methanol plant in Kitimat, PNG officials said a buy out provision in the contract it had with the company would provide a big enough payment to avoid hiking rates to remaining customers until 2009.

But PNG's rate hike application paints a different picture. PNG is now saying taxes on the \$23.3 million buy out from Methanex and other costs associated with its closure are higher than anticipated.

PNG's wanted increase stems not so much from an hike in the cost of gas but in having to charge people and businesses more to deliver the commodity because Methanex will no longer be a major customer.

Methanex itself said it was closing its Kitimat plant because of the high cost of natural gas.

Austin said the Methanex reasoning was ironic in that while it can buy cheaper natural gas for its plants elsewhere in the world, that luxury is not available for PNG's remaining customers.

"People here can't do that. They have no choice



SKEENA NDP MLA Robin Austin is mustering up opposition to the rate increase wanted by Pacific Northern Gas. An interim hike is already in place and the utility is now asking that the increase become permanent. SARAH ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

and that's not right," he said.

"This is not inflation we're talking about. It is well past inflation," Austin added.

Austin started a petition last week to the B.C. Utilities Commission to deny PNG's request - in just a week he's collected "well over 100 signatures."

And he's gotten requests from numerous businesses in Terrace for copies of the petition so they can also collect signatures.

"A welding company in town has asked for a copy to keep it there," he said. "And

a pizza restaurant owner asked for one as well. He says his bill is \$800 a month-plus. There's a large number of people affected by this."

Austin plans to apply for intervenor status to appear at the hearings in March to oppose the rate hike.

"You can apply to make an application on behalf of people here," he said.

Petitions are all over the riding including outlets in Prince Rupert, Smithers, Houston and Kitimat.

Terrace city councillor Marilyn Davies anticipates the city will also apply for intervenor status.

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Liberal tax cut remains for next filing period

THE NEW year means lower income taxes, thanks to pre-election tax cuts brought in by the federal Liberals just before the government fell last November.

A \$500 increase in the basic personal exemption and a decrease in the bottom income tax bracket from 16 to 15 per cent are retroactive to Jan. 1, 2005. A further increase in basic personal exemption takes effect for 2006, regardless of how the Jan. 23 vote turned out.

For a person making an average income of \$35,595, the retroactive changes will take \$323 off the income tax bill for 2005, according to calculations released by the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation.

"Federal tax reductions will give all taxpaying Canadians some relief in '05 and '06, said John Williamson, the federal director of the CTF. "Lower income taxes and employment payroll taxes will give the average taxpayer a net gain of \$62 in 2006."

The CTF says Canadians are still grossly over-taxed, with Ottawa recording multi-billion-dollar surpluses and rolling out billions in new spending.

The taxpayer advocacy group estimates that in the last 25 years, average after-tax household incomes have increased only 3.8 per cent, while federal government revenues have jumped 372 per cent.

The basic personal exemption, the amount any individual can earn without paying income tax, is to rise by \$200 above the inflation rate in 2006, making the total exempt income just over \$9,000. The change will save the average taxpayer about \$30 over the next year on top of the 2005 tax cuts.

With the government's Employment Insurance fund racking up big surpluses in recent years, the payroll taxes for EI drop by about four per cent starting in 2006. Employees now pay \$1.87 per \$100 of insurable earnings, a drop of eight cents, and employers pay \$2.62, which is 11 cents less than in 2005.

Williamson points out that even this small decrease won't be seen on the bottom line of paycheques. The EI reduction is cancelled out by the Canada Pension Plan payroll tax, which increases by \$50 this year.

Bigger pipeline wanted

ENBRIDGE IS talking about a bigger oil pipeline between Alberta and Kitimat then planned because of increased demand.

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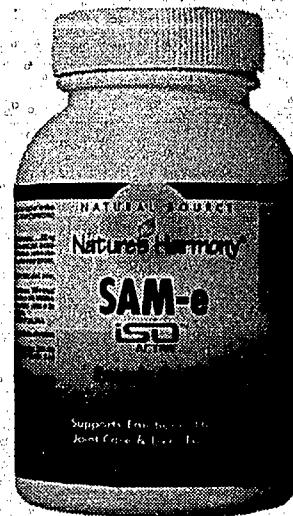
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BUSINESS REVIEW

Owners have grand plans for old buildings

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

THE NEW owners of the apartments commonly known as the Keystones have big plans to transform the units back into an upscale apartment complex.

Mark Selman, one of four Vancouver-based investors who closed \$900,000 deal on the purchase of the three buildings Jan. 20, says renovations will begin in the coming months.

"We will do a major renovation to upgrade the units," says Selman.

"Our short term goal is to get the units back the way they should be and get a good group of tenants who value the location."

The buildings, located at 4603-4621 Scott Ave. currently have an 85 per cent vacancy rate, something the new owners intend to change.

That includes stripping the building of existing carpets and flooring, improving insulation, weatherproofing and replacing every appliance and fixture in the 66-units between the three buildings.

"It's not just a paint-over job. It will be upgrades across the board," Selman says.

While there will be a significant investment made into revamping the buildings both inside and out, Selman did say the previous owner had already made important upgrades to some aspects of the properties includes paying and re-roofing.

Selman, an administrator for Simon Fraser University's faculty of business has been

working on a Masters of Business Administration program with Alcan in Kitimat, and says that's how he became interested in investing in the northwest.

"Through my work with Alcan I met with people at the Terrace Economic Development Authority and Kitimat-Terrace Industrial Development Society and it got me thinking about the area," Selman says.

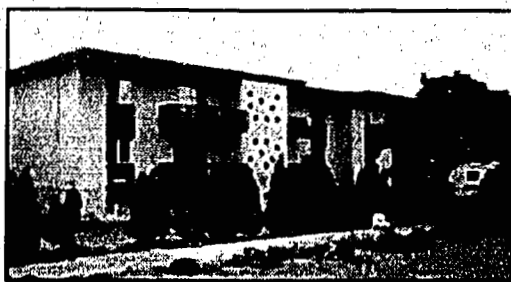
The latter group is made up of business people in Terrace and Kitimat promoting the area for industrial investment.

Selman says his group of investors are also working on purchasing some property in Kitimat and have their eye on more property in the area, but he would not disclose where. He and his colleagues believe the northwest is coming out of the economic downturn of the last five years.

With the continued expansion at the Northwest Regional Airport, the container port project in Prince Rupert and the potential for pipeline development in the area are all important markers that the economy should be getting better.

"We are very excited about the (apartment) project. We think it has a lot of potential, we think Terrace has a lot of potential and that's why we are there," Selman says.

Realtor John Evans says the sale is important because it marks investor confidence in the area. He expects the real estate market to continue to draw more interest this year.



THE WOODLANDS Apartments, once known as the Keystones, have officially been sold and will be renovated soon.

Tourism board shuffles

THE TERRACE Tourism Society has elected a new board of directors.

New president is Carol Fielding, owner of Kermode Custom Cycle.

Vice-president is Gemma's owner Bruno Belanger and the treasurer position goes to Dullss Kleamyck of

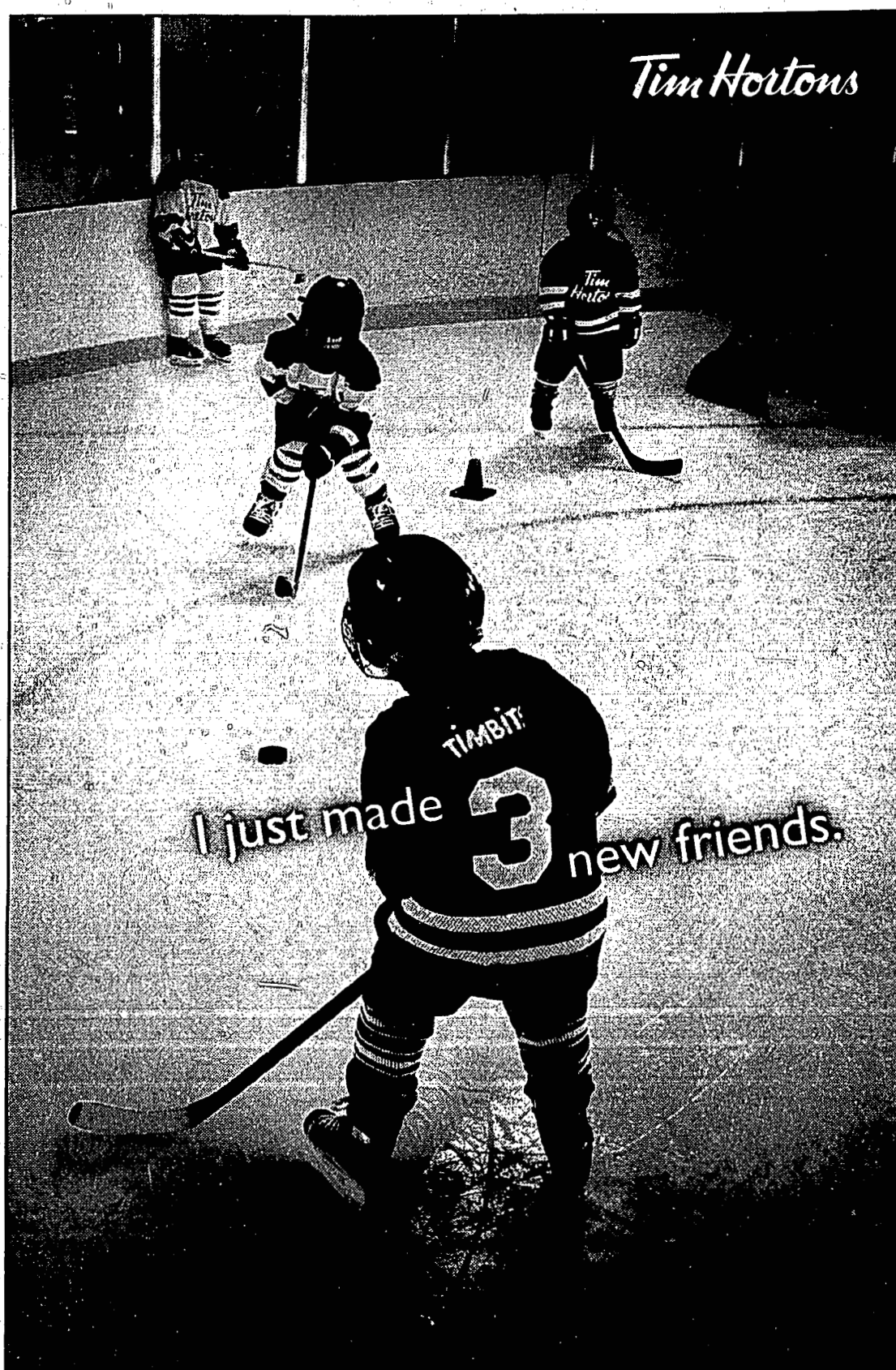
the Best Western Terrace Inn. Annalee Davis of Don Diego's is the secretary.

The board also has numerous directors.

Those include George Clark of Elan Travel, Roger Harris of Bayview Falling, Jacquie Munson from the Bear Country Inn and John

Forrest of Northern Escape Heli-Skiing.

Hotelier representatives include Doug Barrett of the Coast Inn of the West, Yvonne Danroth of the Wild Duck Motel and RV Park, Scott Miller from the Sandman and Peter Gill of the Kalum Motel.



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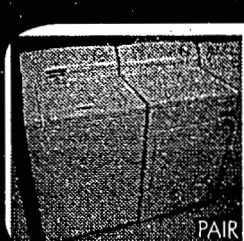
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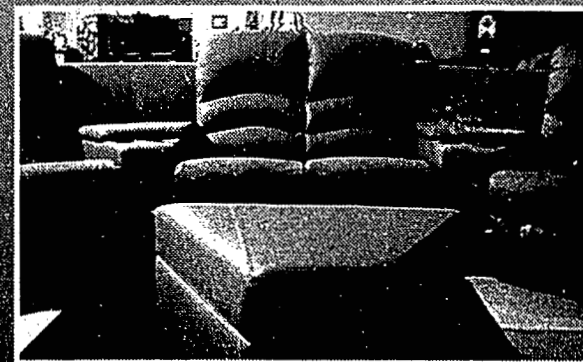
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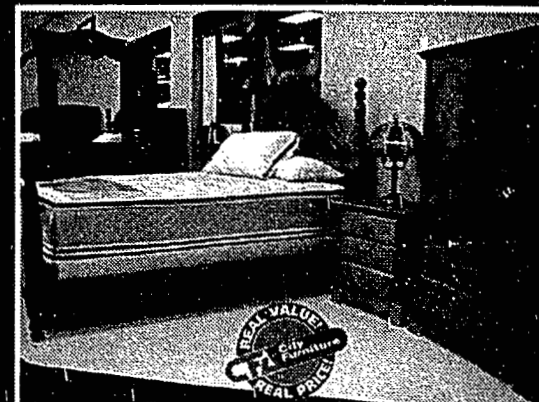
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BUSINESS REVIEW



TERRACE'S United Furniture Warehouse will become The Brick later this spring. It will no longer be a discount furniture outlet.

Discount furniture outlet to become high end store

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN
UNITED FURNITURE Warehouse is liquidating all its stock and will reopen this spring as The Brick, an Alberta-based furniture and appliance chain.

The Brick Group Income Fund acquired the United Furniture Warehouse chain in March 2004 and is in the process of converting 24 of those 87 outlets into The Brick.

"What it will do is allow the people in Terrace to have appliances and electronics in what is now just a furniture store," explains Dick Innes, senior vice president and treasurer of The Brick Group Income Fund.

While United Furniture Warehouse is a discount furniture outlet, The Brick will sell higher end products including big screen and flat screen televisions.

Once the liquidation of United is complete, the doors will close while internal and

external renovations are completed, and The Brick stock is moved in, Innes said.

A timeline of when the new store will open has not yet been nailed down, but Innes expects it will happen sometime this coming spring.

"We are doing 24 stores and as you can appreciate the crews will roll out over time," he said.

The Brick opened its first store in 1972 in Edmonton, Alberta — its name was coined because it was located in a brick warehouse. In 1984 it moved into the Toronto market and in 2004 the Quebec market.

That same year saw the acquisition of the United Furniture Warehouse chain and the opening of a franchise outlet in Halifax.

The store here will not be a franchise, it will be operated as a corporate store, Innes said.

Out & About

Wholesale electrical supply outlet moves up

E.B. Horsman and Sons have moved from its home on Hwy 16 to a much larger location on Pohle Ave.

The electrical supply wholesale store opened the doors at its new home at 5000 Pohle Ave. Dec. 16.

The new location is 7,500 square feet compared to 2,700 square feet at the former storefront.

"We're seeing more demand and things seem to be coming together," says area manager Neil Van Tassel.

The store also hired an additional three staff members, doubling the number of employees at the outlet.

E.B. Horsman and Sons is owned by Vancouver's Horsman family and has 17 stores across the province including the one here.

Elker Auto Supplies shuts down

AFTER more than years of serving the Terrace area, Elker Auto Supplies is closing its doors.

Owner Walter Elkiw says he thought of selling the business but opted instead to close it entirely.

"I've seen a lot of changes in the community and in the automotive industry," Elkiw says. "The box stores — Canadian Tire and Walmart — has made a difference to all the automotive suppliers in town."

Elker Auto Supplies opened in July of 1972 and will close for good Feb. 28.

"I'd just like to thank the people of Terrace for supporting us all these years — Terrace and, I suppose, the Pacific Northwest — it's been a very good 33 years."

Shi's closing out

DOWNTOWN ladies fashion outlet Shi is closing its doors Jan. 31, 2006.

The store opened Oct. 2003 in what was formerly the Provincial Police sta-

tion on the corner of Lakelse Ave. and Kalum St.

Owner Sherrie Milne says she's closing the store to focus on other business interests.

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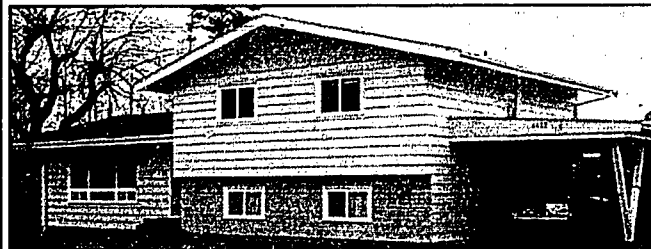
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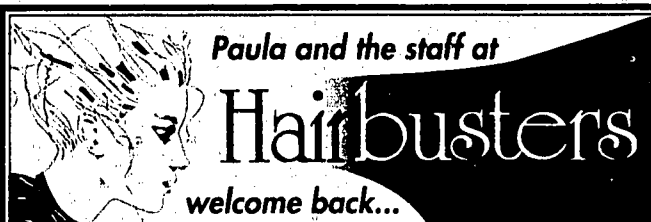


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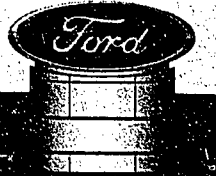
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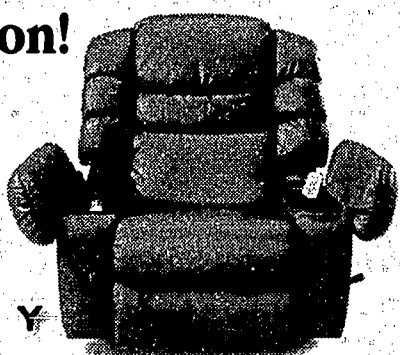
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Heli-skiing outfit rescues season after close call

By DUSTIN QUEZADA

A LOCAL heli-skiing business has rescued its season after a complicated and hectic time which required a special Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine vote so it could provide accommodation for its clients.

Northern Escape Heli-Skiing had planned to use The Kermodai Bear Lodge just off of Hwy 16 West this year under a commitment by new owners to renovate to ensure it could hold up to 12 heli-skiers at a time.

But the new owners did not follow through, leaving the heli-ski company in early December with no accommodation package available for its clients.

"After getting notification, we were left out in the dark," said Northern Escape owner and general manager John Forrest of the company entering its fourth year of local operations.

He then began negotiations with The Yellow Cedar Lodge where Northern Escape housed its clients last year when it was called Mt. Remo Lodge under different owners.

The Mt. Remo Lodge arrangement was suitable for the heli-skiing operation until, says Forrest, he became aware that former owner Willi Schmidt had no permits or zoning to allow the business to operate there.

Schmidt's partners, Nick Mattner and Daniel Maeder,

bought him out and committed to operating legally under the new name.

With the Kermodai Bear Lodge out of the picture and permits lacking for The Yellow Cedar Lodge, Forrest then embarked upon last-minute measures to salvage his company's season.

And that required pleading its case to the regional district in December. It readied a bylaw to rezone Yellow Cedar from rural to rural resort with the provision that necessary licences and permits were in place.

But because the company, which employs four people year-round and 30 more seasonally, couldn't wait for necessary licenses and property re-zoning in time for this season, it plead its case to the regional district Dec. 5.

Forrest's group was also encouraged by the regional district to consult the Kitsumkalum First Nation, owners of the land one kilometre west of the Zymacord River on which the lodge is built.

The lodge, the heli-skiing company and the Kitsumkalum entered into a memorandum of understanding.

Armed with the draft, Forrest appeared before the regional district Dec. 9 for the commercial re-zoning from rural to rural resort.

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Literacy improvement affirmed by local school district board

By DUSTIN QUEZADA

THE SCHOOL district has approved a new accountability contract aimed at improving student literacy, numeracy and social responsibility.

Improved literacy is the contract's key target, drawn up by the district's director of instruction, Christine Foster.

The literacy objectives are to have all students exiting Grade 3 reading at grade level and to improve the achievement of aboriginal learners, states a new document approved by the school board.

In order to gauge whether literacy is improving, the contract states students need to be targeted as early as kindergarten and Grade 1 for interventions.

And an analysis of Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) figures for one group of students in area elementary schools, which shows declining performance between grades 4 and 7, proves improvements can be made.

Only the 2003-04 Grade 7 class from Uplands Elementary School improved its FSA scores from three years before.

Grade 4 and 7 scores from all four area elementary schools - Cassie Hall, Clarence Michiel, Thornhill and Uplands - averaged between 55 and 92.5 per cent of students meeting or exceeding expectations in three basic skills.

Since the 1999-00 school year, Grades 4 and 7 students throughout the province have been taking the assessments in reading comprehension, writing and numeracy. Results are tracked for the class as a whole and broken down demographically for male, female, aboriginal, ESL, French Immersion, special needs and gifted students.

Only a Grade 7 class from Cassie Hall failed to attain at least 50 per cent in one of the assessments - numeracy.

Overall, the four groups in the schools mirrored this year's findings from the Fraser Institute rankings, where

only Uplands improved.

Out of 1013 provincial elementary schools, the Vancouver-based think tank's yearly rankings had Uplands at 287, Clarence Michiel and Thornhill both at 923 and Cassie Hall at 983.

Those rankings indirectly provoked school district chair Lorrie Gowen to say FSA results were a better judge of student performance.

"A better picture would be to test group 'A' in Grade 4 and then in Grade 7 and report those findings," she wrote in a letter to *The Terrace Standard* published June 1, 2005. "That would be a more accurate reflection rather than a year to year snapshot."

While the Uplands class in 2003-04 improved a modest two per cent, Clarence Michiel results dropped eight per cent, the Thornhill class fell by 15 percentage points and Cassie Hall's Grade 7 class dropped a whopping 49 per cent from the scores they had achieved as Grade

4 students in 2000-01.

Uplands is the only K-7 elementary school in Terrace and Gowen said she believes the continuity of eight years in one school aids student performance.

"Transitioning from primary to intermediate schools is hard for the kids, especially some that might be struggling," she said. "A new atmosphere and new teachers can be scary."

Both Kitimat and Hazelton, within the district, have K-7 and 8-12 school systems. The school board has passed a recommendation that the fewer transitions for students the better and are in the midst of a five-year plan to reconfigure schools.

Gowen has also said socio-economic factors and parent support and involvement can't be ignored.

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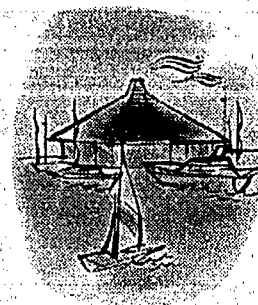
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and Johnson). On the way home from the drug store, you are stopped at a rail crossing due to an oncoming train (Canadian National Rail). While you become impatient because of the length of time you are delayed, you marvel at how long the train is and the amount of goods it must be carrying.

During dinner, you discuss the renovation project you are planning for the basement and the materials you will need to buy this weekend (Home Depot). You also make a note to return a call to your insurance agent who left a message earlier in the day, reminding you it is time to review your insurance policy (Manulife). Before bedtime, you enjoy a large glass of filtered water (Brita

-Clorox).

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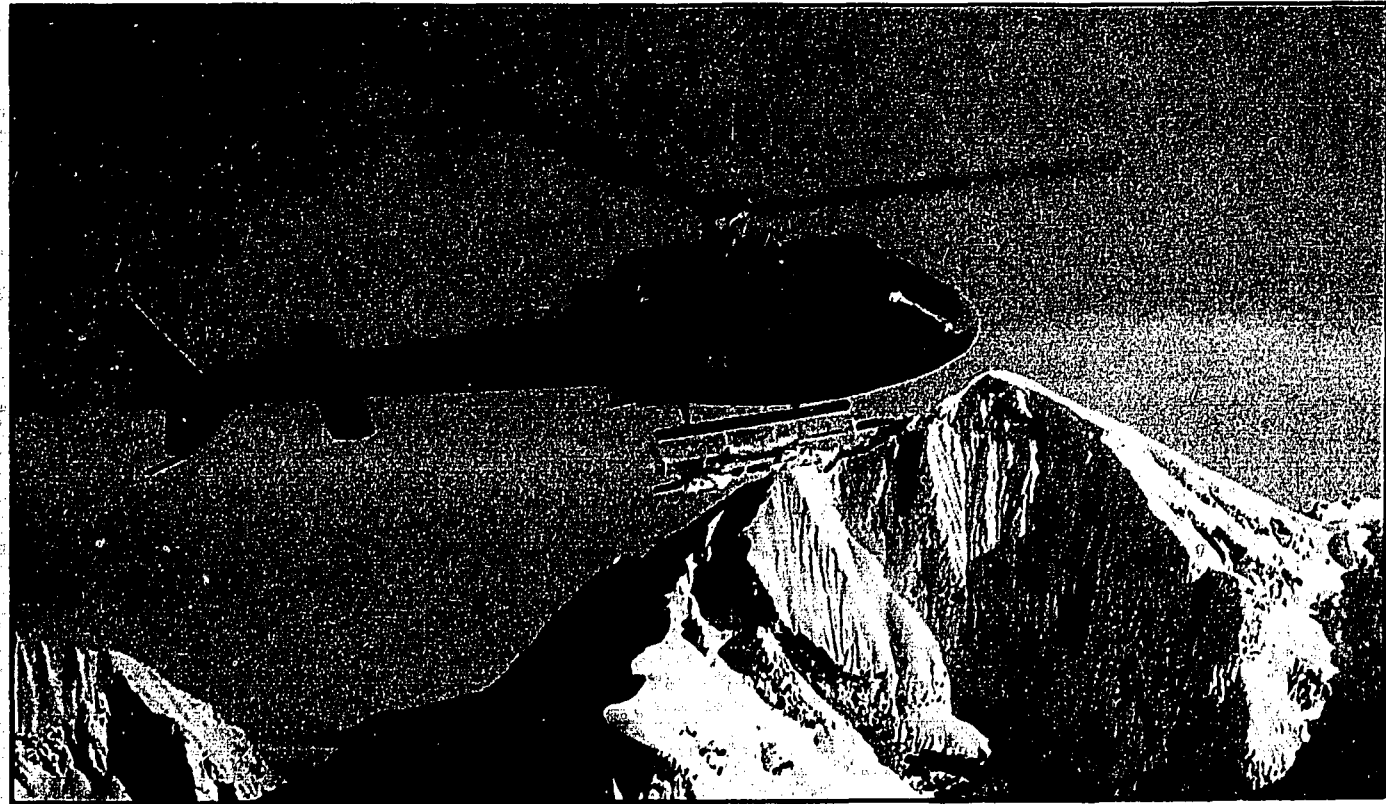


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CLIENTS OF Northern Escape Heli-Skiing are in the air and on the mountains enjoying full service now that the company has solved an accommodation crisis which could have ruined its season. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

From Page A15

Heli-skiing outfit rescues season

About \$100,000 was poured into the property in order to comply with sought licences – food service, water and sewage – said Forrest, adding a crew had been working day and night to complete the upgrades.

"My time and my staff's time has increased in order to get ready for the season and we're tired going into it," Forrest said.

The company secured the food, sewage and water licences earlier this month.

"It's been a big weight off our shoulders," added Forrest.

Though Forrest says he saw the business's viability flash before his eyes in early December, he says the experience has proved a positive one.

"I'm very happy. The regional district and the Northern Health Authority worked diligently to help us out and the community has come behind us," said Forrest. The health authority's blessing was required for the food, sewage and water licences.

About 80 per cent of the company's guests were booked in advance for the current season.

Last year, Northern Escape Heli-Skiing did over \$800,000 in business. It is expecting to top \$1 million in revenue for the 2005-06 season.

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Faith in the new year

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The calendar's theme for the year is "The Contemplative Circle."

It's available at Misty River Books and has been reduced from its original \$16 price to \$11.

Murder on the mic

THE TERRACE Little Theatre is back this weekend with its presentation of Joh Mann's Karaoke Killer.

Competition brings out the best and worst in us all. Especially when the prize is \$10,000 plus bragging rights to the best karaoke act in the Northwest. As you might expect, there is plenty of reason to knock off a competitor or two – or even bribe a judge. Yes, some folks will seek victory at any cost – they'd do anything for a trophy. Sad, isn't it? But it makes for a great murder-mystery/comedy!

Directed by Julie Jacobs. Presented at the Skeena Valley Golf & Country Club Jan. 27-28, Feb. 3-4, 10-11, 14, 17-18, 2006. Rated: General.

Check next week's *Terrace Standard* for a more detailed look at TLT's latest production.

Nominee on screen

THE TERRACE and District Arts Council presents "Pride and Prejudice," the latest movie in Terrace Not Paris Film Festival.

Based on Jane Austen's timeless classic of the same name, *Pride and Prejudice* is sure to delight audiences with its medley of major acting talents engaging in affairs of both the head and heart amidst an inviting Regency era setting. Nominated for two Golden Globe Awards including best picture and actress (Keira Knightley).

Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the Tillicum Twin Theatres at 7 p.m. Admission is \$8.

Native issues theme of Amnesty film night

THE TERRACE Amnesty International Action Circle will show two movies after its monthly meeting Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Kiva Café.

The first film is "The residential school experience: A century of genocide in the Americas," a short film about how sexual abuse at Indian residential schools became institutionalized. The second is "Rocks with Wings, which traces the journey of the Shiprock Lady Chieftains, a women's high school basketball team from a dusty corner of the Navajo Reservation.

Northwest Band social workers will put together an information package for anyone who may have questions or need assistance.

The group's meeting begins at 6 p.m. and anyone is welcome to participate.

Airwaves on a charitable marathon

STANDARD RADIO will again air a 36-hour broadcast in support of health organizations in the communities of Prince Rupert, Terrace and the Bulkley Valley.

In Terrace, the Radio-thon's proceeds will go toward the REM Lee Hospital Foundation.

Last year, with listener support, more than \$10,000 was raised and this year, organizers are hoping for additional support of community minded businesses that could donate goods or services toward a silent auction, raffle or through a donation of a portion of a day's sales.

To take part in Radio-thon 2006 by donating goods, services or proceeds, in Terrace call 635-6316.

The 36-hour event will be broadcast on CJFW, CFTK, CHTK and CKTK radio stations starting at 6 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9.

Correction notice

IN A year in review feature on page B1 of the Dec. 28, 2005 issue of the *Terrace Standard*, the parents of Terrace new year's baby Tegan Ella Anaka were identified as Ernie and Heidi Ella. They're last name is also Anaka.

A toast to public speaking

By DUSTIN QUEZADA
FLYING, SPIDERS, heights, enclosed spaces, public speaking.

The latter may not seem to fit with the other, better known phobias but it's consistently listed atop people's most dreaded activities.

Enter the Terrace Toastmasters Club, a group of people who gather twice a month tackling that fear in an atmosphere of acceptance and support.

While the atmosphere is relaxed, this is an organized outfit.

Meetings begin with Table Topics, an activity that gives everyone present a chance to practice impromptu speaking for two minutes on an assigned topic.

The first January 2006 meeting had members picking from holiday-themed topics like a favourite received present, new year's resolutions and preference between an artificial and real Christmas tree.

One by one the members make their way to the central lectern to address their peers, though passing your turn is OK too.

As members or participants stand, without fail before they speak they utter the words: "Fellow Toastmasters, honoured guests" or some semblance of that.

All speeches are evaluated by a neighbour from 1-10 on sheets that prompt judges on strength and weakness of speakers' stance, eye con-



NICKELS in: from left, Bob Oliver, Anne Huston and Rolf VandeVelde pay their share into the Terrace Toastmaster piggy bank.

DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO

tact, voice and gestures.

Ron Craig has been a member for a year. He says criticism is kept positive.

"Critiquing is based on experience," said Craig, whose table topic was new year's resolutions.

Encouraged to effectively use props, Craig puts a red clown nose on as he tells his audience he wants to have more fun this year at the expense of home renovations.

There's no need to keep track of time when speaking aloud, either. That's the job of the timer.

The timer is one of sev-

eral roles members rotate through for different meetings.

They include the master chair person, the table topic master, the joke master, inspiration, timer and grammarian who supplies a word of the day (colloquial) and keeps track of "ums," "you knows" and "likes" during speeches.

The meeting continues with members' prepared speeches using the Toastmasters workbooks.

The first book has 10 speeches that members must do in sequential order, if they

want a certificate from the book, starting with the "Ice breaker" and finishing with a speech delivered without notes.

Craig conceded the Ice-breaker was hard but that once it was out of the way, the next ones become easier.

The typical pace is to deliver one of the workbook speeches every two months or so.

This meeting features both Rolf VandeVelde and Andy Hoffman tackling speech number eight – its goal is for orators to get comfortable with visual aids.

VandeVelde's is a humorous look at Terrace's street designs (see excerpt) and Hoffman asks his audience to examine what's important to them in life when divvying up their time, using an analogy of a jar and the things – sand, rocks, pebbles and water – that can fit into it.

As the meeting winds down, the evening's grammarian, the speech police if you will, shares the speaker tallies of verbal crutches and a piggy bank is passed around.

For every "um" a nickel is due.

The \$35 a year collected throughout the group is put toward a communal gift.

The benefits of the group's meetings and exercises are boundless, says Bob Oliver, the night's timer.

"The benefits gained from this skill are boundless, from promoting your business, participating in politics, advocating for family or society needs, to teaching or lecturing for profit, to name a few," Oliver said.

To become a regular member, a semi-annual \$36 fee is required. You will receive all workbooks and a bi-monthly magazine with your membership.

For less than \$2 per hour, said Oliver, you can't find a better training program in the Northwest.

New members and drop-ins are welcome. The group

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When caregivers need care

By DUSTIN QUEZADA
WHEN ALZHEIMER'S strikes, the debilitating symptoms take with it in its wake those who have the disease and those who are their caregivers.

And the stress of seeing and caring for loved ones who can no longer care for themselves can be overwhelming, says the facilitator of the Terrace Alzheimer's Support Group.

There are situations where caregivers are emotionally and physically burned out to the point they need to be ad-

ucational group," she said of the small, casual meetings. "If Alzheimer's touches anyone's life, they're certainly welcome to come."

Informational videos, books and pamphlets are available but more importantly, people who have experienced or are experiencing the same trials can offer personal support.

Such as how McConnell would take the knobs off the stove so her mother-in-law wouldn't burn herself.

She also learned through her experiences that you can't lose your sense of humour.

"You try to keep it light-hearted," said McConnell, adding sufferers can sense when their caregivers are not right. "It's wee things like that, that you can share with people."

For first-timers with the group, McConnell says it's obvious they need peer support.

"You can almost visually see the stress release when people come in for the first time."

Dawna Marie Ottenbreit has been attending the support group here since she and her husband moved to Terrace from Williams Lake a year and a half ago.

She has been a caregiver for her husband since he was diagnosed more than eight years ago with Primary Progressive Aphasia and finally Picks Disease, a type of dementia similar to Alzheimer's.

The support group is an invaluable asset, says Ottenbreit, for the people and connections she's made here and before in Williams Lake.

"It's so important meeting one-on-one...to have a friend you can go have a coffee with and lay things off on," Ottenbreit said.

And when people offer a hand or a shoulder in return, Ottenbreit said it makes caregivers feel better within themselves.

That feeling of propping up someone in need isn't

lost on people who have gone through the tragic decline of a loved one who has since passed away.

Like graduates, McConnell said the group has had people who were caregivers at home, then at Terraceview Lodge and they still come even though their loved ones are gone.

"They come to offer a shoulder of support to caregivers in the present," added Ottenbreit.

Ottenbreit said for her and other locals who are or have

been caregivers to loved ones with Alzheimer's, it can be hard to seek help.

"There seems to be a stigma with coming forward..." Ottenbreit said.

Another way to come forward for some locals is to transfer their feelings to the written word.

Ottenbreit writes poetry to ease her feelings of frustration.

"It's an avenue...when you write poetry, you take the stories and feelings and incorporate them together,"

Ottenbreit added.

See page B3 for a selection of locals' literary work that reflects on their experiences with Alzheimer's, loved ones and caregiving.

January is Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Awareness Month and the local support group will be at the Skeena Mall Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to offer support and information.

For information, contact Aveline at 798-2581.

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Aveline McConnell

ministered themselves into a facility, said Aveline McConnell.

McConnell's first exposure to the disease was when her mother-in-law lived with her for a year and a half with advanced Alzheimer's.

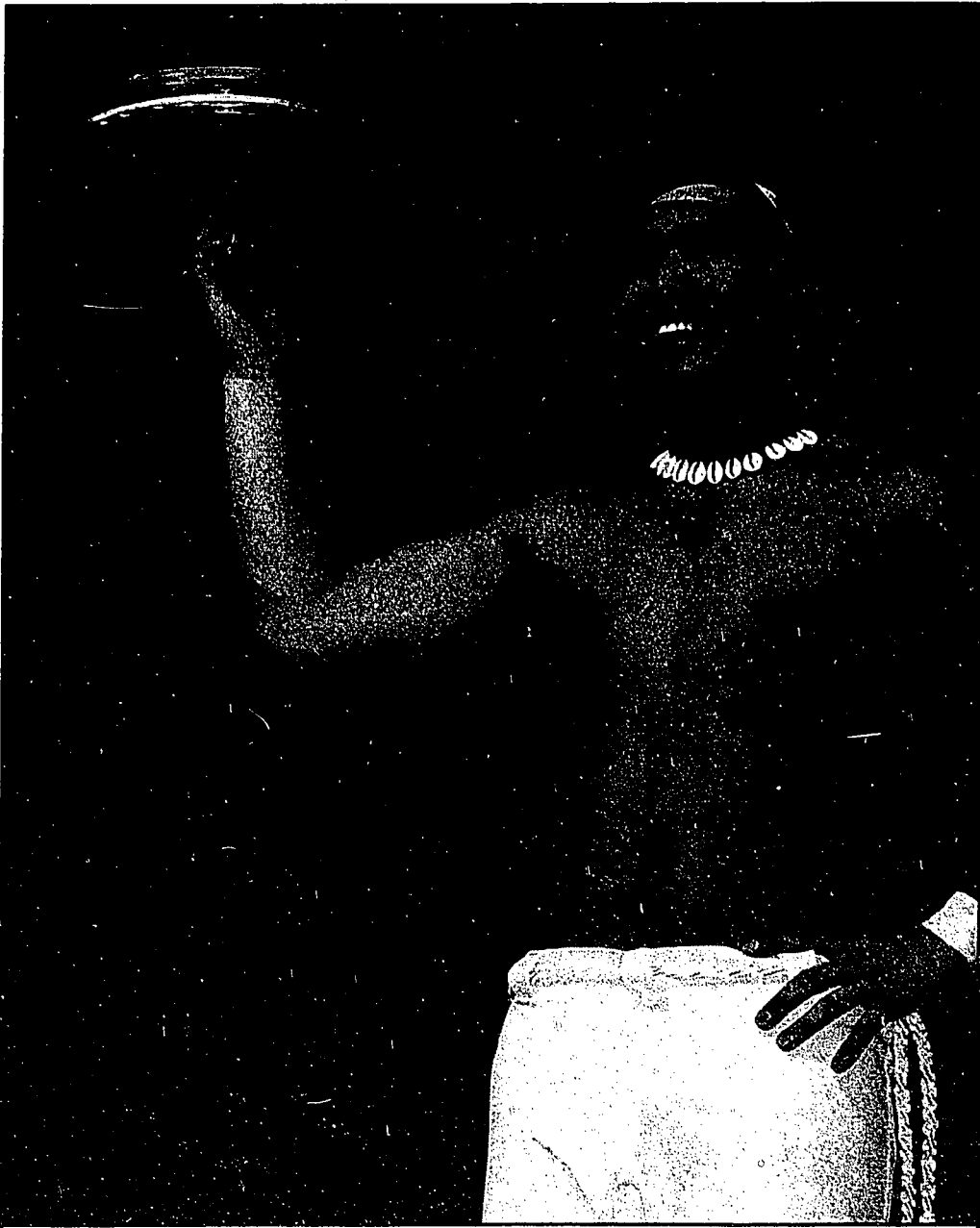
"I have first-hand experience," said McConnell, who has a nursing background. "I knew the feeling of caring for someone."

McConnell added Alzheimer's patient caregivers can feel very lonely and it can start a vicious cycle with others in their social network.

"Sometimes, friends just walk away," McConnell said.

The Terrace group offers more than just support, says McConnell.

"I call it a support and ed-



■ Spinster

RONALDO Diaz of performance group Aché Brasil entertains Caledonia Secondary School students, spinning a Brazilian tambourine during one of its shows at the REM Lee Theatre Jan. 16.

DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO

CITY SCENE

Clubs & pubs

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Visual Arts

■ The Terrace Art Gallery presents "You Wood, if You Could," featuring the works of local woodcraft artisans through to Jan. 29. Gallery hours are: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 12-4 p.m., Fridays 12-6 p.m. and Sundays 1-4 p.m.

Theatre

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Live music

■ The Bernard Primeau Montréal Jazz Ensemble is coming to Terrace. A great fan of American drummer Art Blakey, Montréal jazzman Bernard Primeau is the founder of the band that bears his name. Since its creation in 1984, the ensemble has been heard every year at the Montréal International Jazz Festival as well as throughout Canada and Europe, reaching more than 200,000 spectators. Nine recordings and three videos have marked Bernard Primeau's successful career. The Bernard Primeau Montréal Jazz Ensemble delivers an energetic and refreshing modern acoustic jazz sound that receives a warm welcome everywhere. Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. at the REM Lee Theatre. For single or season tickets, to the Terrace Concert Society Web site at www.terraceconcertsociety.org or call 635-5603.



SALL Gibson stops at the Kiva Café Saturday, Feb. 4 playing songs from her new CD, Simply Undone. See the Community Events listings below for info. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Cinema

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For your event to make the Scene at 638-8432. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday.

Community Calendar

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the
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Terrace Little Theatre Tickets Available at: Uniglobe Courtesy Travel

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

THURSDAY, JAN. 26
UNBC Terrace's Northwest winter speaker series resumes with "Democratizing Creativity: The right to write" with Lyndy Williams. Three other dates announced: Feb. 10, Dr. Margaret Anderson and "Integrated Learning Resources for Sm'algayax: Talking Dictionary, Texts, Framma and Learning Tools." March 4 with Trudy Mothus and "The Adolescent Hero(ine): Teconstructing dults as Antiheroes." March 23 Deanna Nyce: TBA presents on Aboriginal Education. All talks start at 7:30 p.m. at the Terrace UNBC campus, 4741 Park Ave. Free and all welcome.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1
Skeena Junior Secondary School presents: Skeena Fine Arts Fest – an evening showcasing our students' creative work in music, creative writing and the visual and performing arts. This event takes place from 7-9 p.m. at the school. For info, please contact Janine at 635-9136.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4
Sall Gibson, singer and songwriter from Prince Rupert is touring with a batch of new songs from her second CD release, Simply Undone. Gibson, an alt-folk-rock artist, will play the Kiva Café from 8-11 p.m. Tickets \$5 for students and seniors, \$8 for adults are available at the Kiva or Misty River Books.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10
The Terrace Public Library offers Valentine's card making for 5- to 10-year-olds from 1-2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10.

PSAs

Terrace Public Library wants your attention if you're a homeschooler! The library is staging a Homeschool Science Fair. Register now for this exciting 4-week session. Tuesday's from 1-2 p.m. Session begins on Feb. 7 and runs each week until Feb. 28. These programs are FREE but please register at the Terrace Public Library in person or by phoning 638-8177.

Terrace Public Library's annual general meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Willy Schneider meeting room. Questions? Call Ed at the library 638-8177.

Cafenara is bringing back by popular demand its acoustic jams every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. Upcoming dates are: Jan. 24, Feb. 7 & 21, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16.

The Kiva Café hosts a staff potluck for NWCC students the last Sunday of every month from 6-9 p.m. Every month has a new theme – this month it will be a Chinese New Year's potluck. Free for students. Non-students can come with a dish. Call Karen at 638-6398 for information.

Kermode Friendship Society offers free tutoring at its Kalam St. location with an After School Homework Club Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. This program is open to youth in need of help and support in school. Peer tutors wanted. Learn by teaching. This could be used as hours required in graduation portfolio. For more information contact Kim Besharah of Kermode Friendship Society at 635-4906 ext. 27.

The Northern Health Authority presents the parent and child Mother Goose Program on Thursdays from Jan. 12 to March 2, 2006 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the health unit. Simple rhymes and action songs to delight your baby (newborn to 18 months) and help develop language and communication. No charge. Come as often as you can. To register, call the North West Health Unit 638-2200.

The Happy Gang Centre hosts a pancake breakfast on the first Saturday of each month from 8-11 a.m. The centre's general meeting goes on the second Thursday of every month at 2 p.m.

The Terrace Women's Resource Centre (4542 Park Avenue) hosts a Friday noon discussion group winter series. Jan. 27 "Avatar – Tale of a Long Slow Transformation." A short Video Femmes production, "Avatar" is a reflection on the body, on being different in the eyes of others, in hers, in ours; Feb. 10 "The Great Illness," a short Video Femmes production, explores epilepsy, the psyche, suffering and cure. Every Friday drop-in

discussion: Gender Lens on local issues. For info, call 638-0228.

The University of Victoria, Centre on Aging, in partnership with Northern Health is offering its first winter six-week course at Mills Memorial Hospital's education room. The free course is available Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon from Jan. 20 to Feb. 24. The course is lead by certified and trained volunteers. Registration is limited. For info on the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, call the Centre on Aging office toll free at 1-866-902-3767.

Skeena Family Resources present free programs for parents and children under 6 at Kitselas on Queensway, Skeena Kalum Housing and at Kitsumkalum. Parent connection, information workshops for parents and fun activities for kids. Tuesdays to Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. Transportation is available. Everyone welcome. Call 635-7087 for information or transportation.

The Artful Cup hosts Stitch 'n Bitch, co-ed knitting circle every Thursday from 7:30-9 p.m. Sewing and crochet also welcome with people on hand to teach. For more info call Renee at 615-9383.

The Terrace Writers Guild meets the last Tuesday of every month at Cafenara. Come network with other writers, share goals, markets and tips. Newcomers are welcome. Call Sarah at 638-8899 for details.

Soup Kitchen, operating every Monday from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Kermode Friendship Society, 3313 Kalam St. Enjoy a hot bowl of soup and a bun! Call Angela or Louisa at 635-4906.

The Healing Touch Association of Terrace offers free treatments to the public at the Knox United Church from 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month starting Oct. 17 (except stat holidays). Sessions are by donation. To book your appointment or for info, call 635-8892.

Terrace Toastmasters is now meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the firehall conference room. Next meeting scheduled for Jan. 25. Always open to new members. Call Bob 638-0923 or Rolf 635-6911 for information.

Support After Suicide support group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month to tell each other's stories and begin healing. Support is provided by people who have walked the same path. Stepping Stone Clubhouse #102, 4450 Greig Ave. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Call Joset at 638-1347 for details.

Mills Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop, located at 4544 Lazelle Ave. (open 10-4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday) is always looking for new members interested in helping to raise funds for the hospital and Terraceview Lodge.

Alanon meets every Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Womens' Centre.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every night of the week. Call 635-6533. N/A meetings 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at the education room at the hospital. Call Tony at 798-2598.

Girl Guides of Canada in Terrace is looking for volunteers! If you would like to be a Girl Guide leader or on District Council call Lia at 635-3868.

Royal Canadian Legion is appealing to members and their spouses for auxiliary volunteers to help prepare vegetables and pie crusts once a month for steak night and to help with dishes. If interested please phone 635-4862.

Skeena Square Dancers welcome all ages from 16-90 on Monday nights at the Carpenter's Hall to Apr. 31, 2006. Beginner dancer session from 7-8 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. for mainstream dancers. Beginners dance for a toonie, mainstream dancers for \$5/night. Call Ron 638-8316 or Diana 638-1626 for information.

Terrace Emergency Shelter accepts donations of used clothing – coats, gloves, socks, sweaters, hats – anything to help keep those less fortunate warm and dry. Donations can be dropped off at Ksan House Society office at 4838 Lazelle Ave. or at the shelter at 2812 Hall St. anytime.

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congratulates the parents on the new additions to their families.

Legion notes

Helpers wanted for Branch makeover

CONTRIBUTED BY CMDE
PETER CROMPTON

WELL DONE, our Cribbage players are on their way to the provincial play downs in Cloverdale on March 31.

Cmde Ernie Vallee defended his singles championship with success while the Terrace team of Cmde Ernest Vallee, Colin Goodall, Rose Thomas and Elizabeth Misfeldt won the team event; the doubles went to the Smithers Branch pairing of Cmde Don Herman and Raymond Schrader.

By the time this article comes to print, the zone darts being played in

Kitimat will be history as well as our Annual Curling Bonspiel; I hope to have all results for you at a later date.

The last Cribbage Sunday was not well attended, though the football play-offs probably had something to do with that.

However, the next one is slated for Sunday, Feb. 19. Cmde John Austin is hoping to see you all out to this one.

As you are aware, we have a new maintenance chairperson in Cmde Bob Paulis.

Bob has promised that our outside painting will be done this year, but on Feb. 12, a Sunday, we will be doing an early spring cleaning. Bob is looking for all the help he can get, young and old alike; he will find you work just right for you, this all starts at 9 a.m. on Feb. 12. Call Cmde Bob at 635-7063.

Also, Cmde McAra informs me there are now only three lounge chairs to be sponsored for refurbishing.

Your entertainment committee has many special events in mind for this year - keep your eyes on the notice boards and the newspaper.

There will be a karaoke contest starting on Friday, Feb. 10, second

round on the 24th with semi-finals and finals going in March.

The Saturday jam sessions are building up and our meat draw is still doing well.

The veterans monthly dinners will continue - rumors around town that they will be stopped are totally untrue.

Some changes will be made, following tonight's Dinner (Jan. 25). Our Ladies Auxiliary will be taking over the full responsibilities for this monthly event.

Our Ladies also will continue to operate the monthly steak nights with other sources of help, however attendance at the last couple of steak nights have not been great, and we may have to look at this event a little closer.

Right now, without a doubt, we have one of the best steaks you can buy; our Ladies need your support.

Next steak night Friday, Feb. 3. February veterans dinner Wednesday the 22nd.

General meeting Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary General meeting Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

From B1

Terrace a T-bone capital

meetings are usually held at the firehall meeting room at 7:30 p.m.

For Terrace Toastmasters information, call Rolf at 632-6911 or Bob at 638-0923.

The following is an excerpt from Vandeveld's speech, highlighting Terrace as a T-bone intersection capital.

...You have to commend the town planners for all this. What a scheme to have the highest percentage of T-bones per capita. Everything was working to their advantage you might say. Here's a

town divided by a rail line. Put a road parallel to the rail line on both sides. Then any good connections to either side had to be a T-bone. Look at Hall, Tetrault, Molitor, then look at our "main" streets, no, not Lakelse, that's an avenue actually.

No, look at Kalum and Sparks and Eby; we have North Kalum, North Sparks and North Eby and we also have South Kalum, South Sparks and South Eby, and we have Kalum, Sparks and Eby in the Horseshoe.

Everywhere you look we have T-bones. It's amazing. Just imagine the day they

decided to put in the overpass. It was a tough decision where to put it. What a dilemma.

Which T-bone should be eliminated? Sparks, maybe Eby...then the ultimate solution became apparent. Let's put it right in the middle!

Now, when you look at a map, you see not only two new T-bones, you also see another letter.

The road which creates the overpass also completes the letter "H" connecting those main roads running parallel to the tracks. So here we have it. The T-bone intersections everywhere.



Killer laughs

AMY Turier, left, plays Marion Kind, while Cheryl Spencer takes on the role of Hooda Thunkitt in the Terrace Little Theatre production of Joh Mann's Karaoke Killer. The show, presented at the Skeena Valley Golf & Country Club, opens this Friday Jan. 27. See Page B2 for full date list.

DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO

From B1

Caregivers heal through poetry

Walk the Road

Upon many a road one travels;
Nary a signpost guides along the way.
Aimless pathways, dark and narrow
Of times are paved with broken
Promises, broken hearts...
Shards of shattered dreams.

Rest aside a lonely road one travels...

Bide awhile and contemplate
The road left miles, years behind...
How often on strayed, on wandered;
Chose paths of least resistance
And paid dearly for each mistake.

A bygone road hard travelled...
Lakes, once crystal clear, long polluted
Drenched in a sea of tears.

Valley, once fertile; now arid, desolate
Flooded with resounding echoes
Haunting memories
Of bygone roads, of wasted years.

The winding road, treacherous...
a maze.

Of loneliness, anxiety and fear.
Serpentine it twists and turns
Upon itself...

A tunnel of darkness
Drawing the weary,
The unwary

Traveller near.

Upon the peak of a road once
travelled;

A veteran of the highway
Pauses at a crossroad
Overlooking a field of sorrow
Far below.

With the passage of time,
The journey,
He has come to know...

There can be no turning back;
What was done...is done;
What has passed, is past.
Trod on traveller...down another track.

Lying alone aside the way, one
caresses

The deeply embedded ruts
That score the road.
The earth is torn, scarred from
Those who walk before, beside,
Behind one...

For all who live
Must "walk the road."

Resting, the traveller smiles in
Remembrance
Of oasis, of havens, of hope.
Of hands the led and carried
When he stumbled and
Fell upon the road.

He cries...

Silently asks forgiveness
Of those whom he himself
Misled.

He prays that
Somehow, somewhere
Along his journey

He has lightened
A fellow travellers' load.

Lift you eyes and look beyond
This road all must travel
Over yonder lies the greener pasture
Throughout life one does seek.
The final destination;
Journeys end...
Oh weary traveller...soon
Home at last...
At peace.

by Dawna Marie Ottenbreit

Good-bye Daddy

My Dad had twinkling blue eyes
now they are vacant and cold
He's forgotten his childhood memories

the father, the soldier so bold
He's forgotten the wheat fields and
farmland

and also his children and wife
Now all he has is a day dream
A dinner, a smoke but no life

The last time I saw his blue eyes
they were more vacant and gray
It's not that he doesn't love me

it's just he had nothing to say
He still is my daddy, my father
inside I know it is true

You may have forgotten me
but I will always love you

by Judi Hannon

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| 5 | 6 | 7 Tales for 2's (WK3) 10-11 Homeschool Science Fair Program (WK1) 1:00-2:00 | 8 Preschool (WK3) Storytime 10-11 Toddler Time 11:15-12 | 9 Preschool Storytime 10-11 (WK3) | 10 Valentine's Day Card Making Ages 5-10 years 1:00-2:00 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 Tales for 2's (WK4) 10-11 Homeschool Science Fair Program (WK2) 1:00-2:00 | 15 Storytime (WK4) Registration for Dr. Seuss Party Internet Safety Workshop for Parents 7:00pm | 16 Preschool Storytime 10-11 (WK4) | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Tales for 2's (WK5) 10-11 Homeschool Science Fair Program (WK3) 1:00-2:00 | 22 Preschool (WK5) Storytime 10-11 Toddler Time 11:15-12 | 23 Preschool Storytime 10-11 (WK5) | 24 | 25 |
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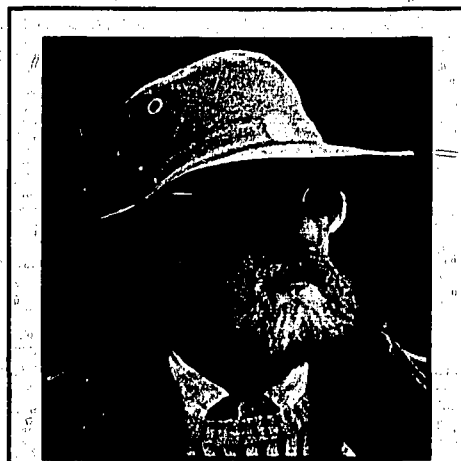
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Election blues

NDP, Tories fight nose to nose," shouts the headline of a riding profile of Vancouver Island North, in the New Year's Day instalment of "Canada Votes," the series that covers the 2005 federal election riding by riding in the *Vancouver Province*.

Above the headline is a picture of Tamara Storozuk, outfitted in packing plant attire complete with the shower cap Gilles Duceppe's handlers wish he hadn't worn so jauntily during a photo op tour of a Quebec dairy plant in the midst of the runup to the last federal election.

For her photo op, Mrs. Storozuk is hefting a factory-made Atlantic salmon, the poor and unsavoury relative of the King of Sportfish, against a backdrop of gutting tables and stainless steel tubs belonging to the Englewood Packing Company of Beaver Cove.

Mrs. Storozuk will be voting, you bet she will — voting for the party that will "best defend her job."

And who would that be? Obviously the incumbent MP, John Duncan of the Reform / Alliance / Progressive Conservative Coalition, who is as high on fish farms as he is on offshore oil exploration.

Former forester, Duncan, who was elected to his fifth term by just shy of 500 votes in 2004, thinks it unfair that the foreign based multinationals should have to shoulder the costs of safer and cleaner land based tanks.

According to MP Duncan, who is either abysmally ignorant of the history of open pen fish farming or thinks all the world-renowned fisheries scientists, documentarists, ecologists, public interest groups the world over are axe grinders busily fabricating untruths, there is no reason why open pen fish farming can't be safely expanded on our coast.

Tamara won't put her X beside the New Democrat, Catherine Bell, who "supports good jobs as long as there is no negative impact on the environment," or with Liberal hopeful, Jim Mitchell, who unequivocally states that more science has to be done and that priority must be given to wild salmon.

As for the Greens, their candidate, Michael Mascall, is a member of the Sierra Club; Mrs. Storozuk and her husband, an unemployed millworker, are not likely to cast a ballot for environmentalists.

In an attempt to stir up a controversial stew, the article claims that Storozuk's bosses employ 120 full time workers, mostly women, who make up to 40 grand a year with some benefits (though the extent of the benefit package is not made clear).

What is ineffably sad is Mr. Storozuk, and Rob Austin, who operates a boat that brings fish to the plant, and literally millions like them are voting on the basis of some shallow analysis, black and white and blinkered, for what they deem is best for them; they are driven by narrow self interest.

Whatever happened to the unselfish notion of voting for the person and party that is best for us instead of the person and party that is best for me?

Austin and Storozuk's analysis doesn't include the people who will lose or have lost jobs due to the expansion of fish farming.

Their field of concern doesn't encompass the immense damage that fish farming inflicts on the marine environment at its most important and fecund intersections, and, they obviously don't worry too much about the fact that the product of their labours is laced with all kinds of chemicals that have led health authorities in places like Britain to warn against its frequent consumption.

If Mrs. Storozuk reflected on the reason her husband's mill job disappeared, she would be led to the conclusion that, for the most part, his unemployment was a result of the rapacious, corporate driven, unsustainable way that Van Isle forests were logged.

With that realization she might come to the conclusion that the Liberal, Green and NDP candidates in her riding have the vision that will most likely lead to sustainable aquaculture practices, while the PC Duncan offers the view that will most likely lead to confrontation and collapse, and a shorter period of employment for her.

The plant workers in the *Province* article don't seem to realize that, since their employment is hitched to the fortunes and whims of foreign corporations, it's tenuous at best. The best chance to protect your job (and your rights) is to unionize. The Conservative Party is hardly union-friendly.

All this just points up the pathetic ignorance of single issue voting.

The kind of oblique reasoning that goes like this: let's see.

The PCs would have put Canadians in Iraq, they're likely to dismantle universal healthcare, they'll kowtow to the Americans, kill the CBC, and with it the only trustworthy news source in the country, they'll give Quebec special consideration that will further undermine federalism, BUT they may put more fish farms on the coast, so they've got my vote.



Senior ski bunny

CHARLOTTE ROWSE, 82, and her husband Dennis, also 82, enjoyed the skiing at Shames Mountain on its opening weekend Jan. 15. She said they love Shames and were waiting eagerly for the hill to open. They said the runs were great with the exception of a few twigs here and there. She and her husband plan to drive to Shames from Prince Rupert to ski every weekend.

MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO



WADE FLAHERTY, far right, will be the starting goalie for Team Canada in the American Hockey League All-Star Game Feb. 1. Winnipeg fans may have stuffed the ballot boxes in recognition of his excellent year in goal for the Manitoba Moose.

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Flaherty scores All-Star position

By DUSTIN QUEZADA

A STELLAR season with the Manitoba Moose has earned Wade Flaherty a starting role for Team Canada in the American Hockey League (AHL) All-Star Game Feb. 1.

It didn't hurt that Winnipeg is hosting the event and fans there may have stuffed the ballot boxes in support of their starting goalie, said Flaherty with a laugh.

"It's good being from Winnipeg and being in the starting lineup," Flaherty said. "Obviously, we had some fans [voting for me]."

Make no mistake about his deserving the recognition though.

Going into a two-game home series last weekend versus the Hamilton Bulldogs, Flaherty's statistics had him in the top five in wins, save percentage, goals against average and shutouts — a league-best six.

While the 17-year pro was chosen for two All-Star Games in the defunct International Hockey League, the Feb.

1 game will mark the first AHL All-Star Game for Flaherty and playing in Winnipeg will make it that much more special, he says.

"It's exciting and something special especially in our home team city," Flaherty said. "It's something the city has been looking forward to experiencing."

The all-star activities include a skills competition the night before the big game.

All-star games at the professional level tend to be focused on goals, with little attention paid to defence or physical play.

That makes it tough on the goalies, who have to fend for themselves, says Flaherty.

"It may not be the best format for goalies but it'll be pretty fun and the goal is to have fun," Flaherty said.

The 38-year-old will be joined by teammate Jimmy Roy on the Canadian side, while Moose defenceman Sven Butenschon was picked to start for

Team Planet USA.

"Bragging rights for the year will be on the line," said Flaherty.

The goaltender's excellent season is an indication he has not let his contractual situation, which is preventing him from being re-called by the parent club Vancouver Canucks, affect his play in Winnipeg.

"There's nothing I can do except worry about my situation here," Flaherty said. "It's still frustrating but hopefully it'll take care of itself."

Flaherty would have to clear waivers to be brought up to the NHL and with his experience and skill, he'd likely be taken by another team.

For now, Flaherty said he'll do all he can to help Manitoba, second in the North Division standings at press time, keep winning and hope the Canucks make a decision on their goaltending that includes him.

In between, look for Terrace's most famous puckstopper to do his thing with the AHL's elite next week.

Sports Scope

Atoms conquer the competition

THE TERRACE Atoms clinched second and third place in a tourney filled with close scores here last month.

Prince Rupert kated away with the win after a 2-1 shootout against DR Helton, who proudly took second.

The Terrace Number Three squad snapped up third place after beating the Methanex Flames.

"I knew Rupert would be strong," said Atoms division manager Geoff Watt, adding he was pleased with the number of close games.

Eight teams, four from Terrace, two from Kitimat, and one each from Hazelton and Prince Rupert took part.

Cal takes third in PG

CALEDONIA SENIOR boys basketball scored third sport in Prince George to start the year.

The squad beat Kelowna pretty handily, lost 82-71 to Duchess Park, who's ranked number three, then went on to slam D.P. Todd 67-42 for third place, said coach Cam MacKay.

Jag Aujla and Jared Stephens were named to the All-Star Team.

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And she's crystallized in every tear drop.

A mother shows every emotion...happiness, sadness, fear, love, hate, anger, helplessness, excitement, joy, sorrow...and all the while hoping and praying you will only know the good feelings in life.

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11 A.M. (Morning Worship)
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WILLARD BENJAMIN SEYMOUR
 October 2, 1927
 January 6, 2006
 Dad will be sadly missed and loved forever by his wife, 8 children, 31 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and in-laws.
 The Seymour family would like to send special thanks to Dr. Appleton, Terraceview Lodge and Mills Memorial Hospital for taking good care of our father over the years than he has been ill.
 You are not in pain anymore Dad and you are resting peacefully now.
 We love you and you will always be in our hearts.
 We love you.
 Rhoda, Mic, Judy, Brian, Karen, Darlene, Mary Lynda, Norma, grandchildren & in-laws.

33 Obituaries

ALEX KOZEVNIKOV

October 29, 1942
January 17, 2006



On January 17, 2006, Alex passed away after a courageous battle with cancer in Terrace, B.C.

Survived by his loving wife Simone; children Steven (Pam), Trudy (Roberto), Paul (Jennifer); 6 grandchildren; mother Inge; sisters Ingrid, Katrin (Pete) Maclean; brothers Pete, George (Carol-Lynn), Roy (Vonda).

Predeceased by his father Peter, sister Lilian and brother Hillar.

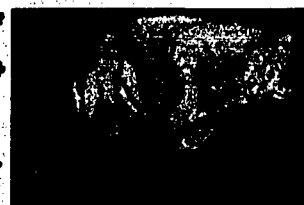
A memorial service was held on Sat. Jan. 21, 2006 at MacKays Funeral Home, Terrace, B.C. A reception followed at the Terrace Legion.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the B.C. Cancer Society.

Sail away, Alex. May you find peace on the banks of Heaven's river, where the big ones never get away. Your family and friends will miss you dearly.

36 Card of Thanks

BIG MAC and his family



would like to thank the mystery lady who found him wandering on the bench and turned him in to the Terrace Animal Shelter on Jan. 5th.

It's nice to know there are still honest people in this world. — Sincerest Thanks, The Maki Family

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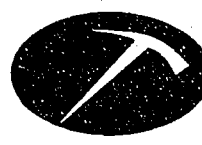
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Human Resources Department
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BC TIMBER SALES CALLING FOR TENDERS EN06TSKTE-437 Coldwater Bridge Maintenance

Sealed Tenders for the following Forest Service Bridge Maintenance Contract EN06TSKTE-437 will be received by the Timber Sales Manager, Terrace Timber Sales Office, Skeena Business Area, 200-5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, BC V8G 1L1 on the dates shown below, at which time all tenders will be opened in public:

Contract #: EN06TSKTE-437
Contact: Howard Debeck, Professional Engineer
Closing Date: February 15, 2006 @ 9:30 a.m.
Phone: (250) 847-6397
Location: Coldwater Bridge located at 6.5km on the Lakelse Main FSR

Viewing of this site prior to submitting a bid is not mandatory.

The successful Contractor must meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the Conditions of Tender. Tenders must be submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the tender package. The lowest priced or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Contract Award is subject to funding being available at the time.

Bidders are required to submit 10% of the tendered price as a bid bond or cash deposit. This will be refunded to the unsuccessful bidders. In addition, the successful bidder must supply a performance bond of 50% of the tendered price, or a cash security of 10% in a form acceptable to the Province.

The particulars may be obtained from the receptionist at (250) 638-5100 or at the above address. An electronic version of this notice and particulars package is available on BC Bid. Further information may be obtained by contacting the above mentioned Professional Engineer.



BC TIMBER SALES NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR TIMBER SALE LICENCE A56484

Take notice that, pursuant to Section 20 of the Forest Act, timber sale licence A56484 is being offered for sale by BC Timber Sales, Skeena Business Area, Terrace Field Team.

Closing Date: February 9, 2006 @ 10:00 am
Geographic Location: Beam Station
Estimated Volume: 10493 cubic metres, more or less Term: 18 months
This timber sale licence has been designed for harvest using Ground Based System. The use of other systems may be subject to the Forest and Range Practices Act and its regulations.

The upset stumpage rate \$ 13.19/m³ for the competitive volume, approximately 6755 m³, was determined by the variable cost method and is applicable only to coniferous green sawlog grades. This timber sale licence is fully developed.

The upset stumpage rate and the bonus bid now apply to both Grade Code (blank) and Grade Code 3 sawlog volumes. The upset stumpage rate has been adjusted (decreased) to account for the Grade Code 3 (Dry sawlog) portion.

Species percent: Balsam 15%, Cedar 4%, Hemlock 60%, Pine 19%, Spruce 1%
This licence requires the building of approximately 0.72 kilometres of on-block roads. Tenders will be accepted from individuals or corporations registered as a BC Timber sales enterprise in Category 1, 2 or 3. Applications will be accepted by the Timber Sales Manager, Terrace Timber Sales Office, Skeena Business Area, 200 - 5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia V8G 1L1. Tenders will be opened in public at February 9, 2006 @ 11:00 am.

There is additional material that the applicant must consider in their application. This material which includes application forms and other information about the TSI, can be obtained from the above BC Timber Sales Office by contacting the receptionist at 250 638-5100. Contact Trevor Shannon @ (250) 638-5195 for Field enquiries only.

Electronic version of this notice & tender pkg is available at:
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NOTICE TO AMEND PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN 402-0644 TO INCLUDE NADINA, SKEENA-STIKINE AND KALUM FOREST DISTRICTS.

The Pest Management Plan number is: 402 - 0644

PMP holder is: Ministry of Forest, Range Branch, 5th Floor, 1011- 4th Ave., Prince George, BC, V2L 3H9. Phone: 250-565-6139, Fax: 250-565-6671, email Bob.Drinkwater@gov.bc.ca

The Range Branch of the BC Ministry of Forests and Range is proposing to amend Pest Management Plan 402-0644 under the Integrated Pest Management Act. The plan requires the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices which may include the use of herbicides.

The proposal is to amend PMP 402-0644 which covers the Prince George, Vanderhoof, Mackenzie and Fort St. James Forest Districts to also include Nadina, Skeena-Stikine and Kalum Forest Districts. This amendment will result in the replacement of the pesticide use notification number 402-0649 for PMP 402-587 & 402-612 which currently cover Nadina Forest District; PMP 402-586 which currently covers the Skeena-Stikine Forest District, and PUP 402-611 which covers portions of the Kalum Forest District with a new pesticide use notification for PMP 402-0644. Some of the communities in the area proposed in the amendment are Terrace, Atlin, Dease Lake, Telegraph Creek, Iskut, Kitwanga, Hazelton, Smithers, Houston and Burns Lake.

The term of the PMP is May 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009.

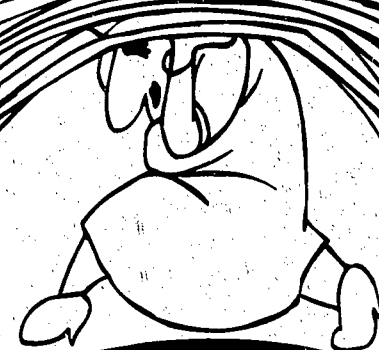
Herbicide Common Name and Trade Names which may be used are: picloram or Tordon 22K; metsulfuron-methyl or Escort; glyphosate or Roundup; clopyralid or Transline; 2,4-D amine; and picloram + 2,4-D amine or Grazon

Proposed Control Methods include: hand pulling, mowing and cutting, rouging, biological control agents, trials of alternate and new treatment methods and herbicides. Herbicides, if required, will be applied as spot treatments on target invasive plants, (weeds), by back pack sprayers, wick applicators and motorized sprayers mounted on trucks and ATVs.

The Pest Management Plan can be viewed at: Northern Interior Forest Region, 5th floor, 1011-4th Ave. Prince George, BC, V2L 3H9 between the hours of 8:30 and 16:30.

The purpose of the PMP is to prevent the establishment and spread of invasive plants which can seriously degrade habitats and disrupt ecosystems affecting plants, animals and resource users, such as berry pickers and hunters.

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■ Unmasked

MIKAEL TELLQVIST, Maple Leafs rookie goalie, will wear this mask when he plays on the Swedish Olympic team next month. Local artist Mark Hart completed the ship and crown artwork in three days last week.

MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO

Ringette teams shine at Gold Pan tourney

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TERRACE RINGETTE gave shining performances win or lose at the Gold Pan Tournament in Quesnel Jan. 7 and 8.

The Terrace Mcnugget Bunnies had a great time, despite being shorthanded with only seven players, but they played their hearts out and won three out of four games.

The Digger awards went to Deborah Wraight, Tess Tuininga, Jenna Hoomenborg, Brianna DeSousa, & AJ DeSousa for their outstanding efforts.

Zachary Johnston was recognized for his strong defensive skills and MJ Wraight was acknowledged for his offensive play.

All players scored at least one goal and spectators saw great plays throughout the weekend. The team's sportsmanship impressed the opposition each day.

The Novice squad put up a fight in its two losses against Quesnel and Prince George.

Netminder Dion Johnston gave a superb performance and Thomas Botelho did a great job in his goaltending debut.

Top scorers were Janelle Tuininga, Ashley Kuehne, Wayne McKay and Kari Hoomenborg.

Janelle Tuininga and Khali Pelltier gave an extra effort in their double time on the ice playing for the Novice and Petite C teams.

The Petite C club hoped for a win in their third tourney of the season; victory in the previous two proved difficult to come by.

Despite a first game loss to Houston, the squad gave an excellent all-around effort, but came up on the short end of the 6-5 score to Prince George.

The players headed into the next game with a strong desire to win, resulting in a well-deserved 4-2 victory with solid goaltending from Tristan Metcalfe.

Not bad, considering the team consisted of four novice age players and first and second year petite age players.

The Petite "B" team battled short-handed with nine players, and lost 11-9 to Prince George's A team.

Kristen Tooms led the squad with four goals; Taylor Grant scored a hat trick and Rylee English netted two. Goaltender Tristan Metcalfe played an excellent game.

In its second game, the club slammed the Quesnel "B" team 11-3.

Tooms, English and Ethan Hampton each scored hat tricks while Katie Wafzig and Metcalfe each scored one. Grant tended goal in an impressive showing.

The Petites played a mixed Houston team that included a number of Tweens and a goalie who plays on the Winter Games team in a match designed to challenge them, which proved to be their best game, even though they lost 6-5.

Kristen Tooms again led the scoring with three goals followed by Metcalfe with two. English played an impressive game in goal.

Andrea Lenardt and Kayla DeSousa gave consistent hard play up front while Brittney Seymour had a solid defensive showing.

The Junior McTerrace RingWraiths pounded Prince George 9-3.

Rory Bird scored five goals and Chelsea Metcalfe, Alexa Grant, Tia Redlick and Travis Homenberg netted one goal each.

The Juniors crushed Prince George 6-3 in their second game. Chelsea Metcalfe led off the scoring again, followed by two goals each from David Tooms and Kim Latimer and one goal from Travis Homenberg.

The squad suffered its first loss 6-5 to the Quesnel Greyhounds.

Alexa Grant and David Tooms netted two with one goal coming from Rory Bird.

The very high-paced game saw no scoring until the midpoint of the first period, then the teams traded the lead.

Terrace had a chance after a Quesnel player's expulsion in the final minutes of tie game, but a bad ring bounce sent Quesnel on a breakaway to score with 2:37 left.

Another opportunity had the Juniors hemming Quesnel in its end for the final minute of play with the goalie pulled. Alexa Grant's shot with 7.5 seconds left came close.

Sports Scope

Squash player shocks teammates with stellar play

A LOCAL squash player soared back from taking time off from the sport to surprise everyone, including his teammates, with a tournament victory recently.

Morgan Evans, 24, won the Men's A division at the Ball Buster tournament in Smithers Jan. 12 to 15.

"I'm so proud of Morgan. He surpassed everybody's expectations," said Elaine Sanchez, Terrace Squash Club. "He played five games and apparently was just amazing."

Timothy Nordin took second in the Men's C division.

Evans had previously won the Men's B division after playing regularly beforehand, said Sanchez.

The squash club hosts its own St. Patrick's Day tournament at Northwest Community College March 16 to 19.

Sanchez hopes to see players come from Kitimat, Smithers and Prince Rupert. Players can start registering for the tourney. For more information, call Elaine at 638-5457.

Sports Menu

■ January 28

The Terrace Kalum Youth Basketball League will hold registration in the Skeena Mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Divisions are open to all youth from Grades 4 to 12. Anyone interested in coaching or helping contact Willie at 615-2828, Don at 638-0451, Toni at 635-7584 or Conrad at 624-9232 or email lewis@citytel.net.

■ January 28

Snow Valley Nordic Ski Club hosts the Snow Valley Open at the Onion Lake Ski Trails. Bib pickup goes from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and races start at 11 a.m. Entry deadline is Jan. 27. For more info call 250-632-7902.

■ January 28 and 29

Cheer on the River Kings in their final two regular season home games against the Houston Luckies at 8 p.m. Saturday and 11:45 a.m. Sunday.

■ January 29

Terrace Bluebacks swim in a regional in-house meet at the aquatic centre.



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